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DECIDE POLLS 2024

- MASSIVE SLIDE IN VOTE SHARES OF UDDHAV'S SHIV SENA, CONGRESS
- JHARKHAND VICTORY CONSOLATION PRIZE FOR ANTI-BJP INDIA BLOC

BJP GETS ITS MAHA MANTRA RIGHT, CONG LOSES MORE MOJO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at BJP HQ in New Delhi on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Hemant Soren with Kalpana Soren and sons at Ranchi airport on Saturday | PTI

At 85%, BJP's strike rate highest in state

MAHARASHTRA

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE closely-fought Maharashtra assembly elections on Saturday decisively swung in favour of the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance, routing the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi that had gained a psychological advantage by its sterling performance in the Lok Sabha polls six months ago.

The BJP emerged the single largest party with 132 seats, surpassing its last two scores of 122 in 2014 and 105 in 2019. This is the peak BJP performance in Maharashtra with a strike rate of more than 85% — the highest among all alliance partners as well as the Opposition.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena contested 79 seats and won 57, with a vote share of 12.38%. Shinde ensured that the MLAs who revolted along with him against Uddhav Thackeray's leadership got elected. In contrast, the Uddhav-led Sena could manage just 20 seats.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar-led NCP won 41 of the total 59 seats it contested with a 9.01% vote share as against Sharad Pawar's NCP-SP getting 11.28% votes but only 10 seats.

As for the Congress, it had won 13 seats in the Lok Sabha polls but squandered the advantage within six months. It managed to pick up just 16 seats in the assembly polls despite contesting from 101 (12.24% vote share). The debacle meant that for the first time in the history of the state assembly, there will be no leader of Opposition. For, no Opposition party got even 10% of total strength of the 288 of the House.

As for the BJP, after the surprise victory in the Haryana polls, the party appears to have picked up momentum. Its welfare schemes like the *Ladli Behna* struck a chord, evidenced by high polling of women. Local leaders and the RSS did the hard yards rather than big-time parachuting of national leaders to sway the electorate. In contrast, prominent Congress leaders like Rahul Gandhi were hardly visible on the ground in both Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

DIVISIVE FORCES LOST: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Maharashtra mandate as a victory of development, good governance and social justice. Speaking at the party headquarters in Delhi, Modi said, "Divisive forces have been defeated." He alleged that India faces the challenge of urban Naxals of the Congress whose remote control is abroad | **P7**

Biggest message from Maharashtra after Haryana polls is unity. *Ek hain to* safe *hain* has become country's *mahamantra*

Narendra Modi, prime minister

Soren storms back to power with record win

JHARKHAND

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

DISPROVING exit polls that gave the BJP-led NDA an edge in the Jharkhand Assembly polls, Hemant Soren's JMM-led alliance on Saturday stormed back to power for the second consecutive term, winning a comfortable majority in the 81-member assembly.

Soren, riding on the immense popularity of his better half Kalpana and welfare schemes like Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojana, scored the best ever performance by any party or leader since the formation of Jharkhand.

The BJP had deployed master strategists including Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and also plugged the loopholes that had led to ouster of the Raghubar Das government in 2019, but it failed to regain the trust of the people, particularly tribals, in Jharkhand.

According to political analysts, the financial assistance of ₹1,000 (which was later increased to ₹2,500) under Mukhyamantri Maiyan Samman Yojana was a big hit as it helped JMM mobilize women voters in Jharkhand.

Talking to this newspaper ahead of the Assembly polls, Kalpana had termed the programme as a revolutionary step.

"₹1,000 is a big amount for the women living in the rural areas as most of them are housewives and are mostly dependent on their husbands due to lack of livelihood opportunities for them. With the amount received in their bank accounts regularly, they felt empowered and hence voted enthusiastically in favour of INDIA bloc," said political analyst Professor V P Sharan.

According to Sharan, Kalpana's entry into active politics in the absence of her husband also helped as women voters instantly connected with her. As per ECI data, women voters outnumbered male voters by 5,51,797 across the state during the two-phase polling.

MESSAGE TO THE BJP, SAYS CONG

The Congress hailed the poll results in Jharkhand, saying the people of the state have rejected the "politics of polarisation" peddled by BJP

ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULT

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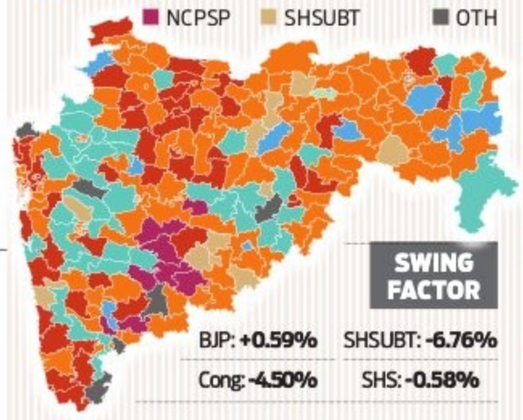
TOTAL 288

BJP CONG SHIV SENA NCP NCPSP SHSUBT OTH



SWING FACTOR

BJP: +0.59% SHSUBT: -6.76%
Cong: -4.50% SHS: -0.58%

EKNATH SHINDE
won Kopri-Pachpakhadi seat by 1.2 lakh votes

Biggest blow for Shiv Sena (UBT)

Electoral mood changed dramatically compared to the 2024 LS polls. BJP gained both vote share and seats while the Shiv Sena (UBT) suffered the most losing 6.75% vote share, followed by the Congress

**Swing Factor refers to the vote share gain/loss compared to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls*

BJP 132 (+27)
Congress 16 (-28)
Shiv Sena 57
NCP 41
SHSUBT 20
NCPSP 10
Others 12

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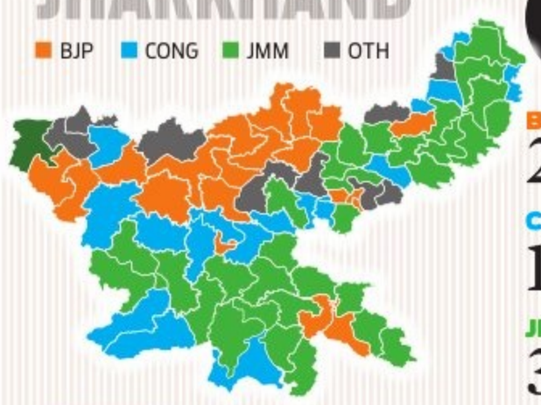
TOTAL 81

BJP CONG JMM OTH



BJP 21 (-4)
Congress 16
JMM 34 (+4)
Others 10

HEMANT SOREN
won the Barhait seat by 39,791 votes, defeating BJP's Gamliyel Hembrom

Spectacular gain for JMM, BJP loses hold

The Hemant Soren-led party gained nearly 9% vote share in the Assembly elections compared to the recently held Lok Sabha polls, while the BJP share slipped significantly. In all, the coalition comprising the JMM, Congress, RJD, and CPIM(L) Liberation won 56 out of the 81 seats up for grabs

SWING FACTOR
BJP: -11.42%
Cong: -3.63%
JMM: 8.84%

Will BJP do a Bihar in Maha on CM?

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER the thumping victory of the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra Assembly polls, the question now is who would be the next CM.

Would the BJP let Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde retain the CM's post as Mahayuti fought the polls under his leadership, or would it choose to put its own person in the chair, now that it's the largest party in the alliance?

DCM Devendra Fadnavis said there is no dispute in Mahayuti over the next CM. He claimed one of the two — Shinde or Ajit Pawar — would be chosen as the next CM. He pointed to party leader Amit Shah's statement that leaders of the three parties will together take a call. However, members of both the Sena and BJP camps are confident of their party getting the CM's post. "It will be interesting to see whether the BJP top brass will decide to do what it did in Bihar (making Nitish Kumar the CM) by choosing Shinde as the CM so as to send a message that it respects its allies even when it has the numbers, or would it put its own person in the CM's chair," a political observer said.

Congress gets triple booster in Karnataka

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

CONGRESS has emerged victorious in the Karnataka bypolls in all the three assembly constituencies of Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon, providing the party a big relief in the background of the debacle it suffered in Maharashtra assembly polls. The win for its candidates in Sandur, Shiggaon and Channapatna seemingly is an approval of the fact that the ruling dispensation had an edge in the bypolls.

The consolidation of AHINDA — acronym for minorities, Backward Classes and Dalits — votes seemingly favoured the Congress party candidates in all the three seats.

The results have given a shot in the arm for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as well as the Congress government that has been mired in controversies, including the MUDA case and the alleged multi-crore Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation scam, among others.

POLITICAL RADAR: BOOSTER SHOT FOR SIDDU-DKS LEADERSHIP P4

VOTE CARD

CHANNAPATNA
CP YOGESHWARA, INC
1,12,642 VOTES
NIKHIL KUMARASWAMY, JDS
87,229 VOTES

SANDUR
ANNAPOORNA, INC
93,616 VOTES
BANGARA HANUMANTHA, BJP
83,967 VOTES

SHIGGAON
PATHAN YASIR AHMED KHAN, INC
1,00,756 VOTES
BHARAT BOMMAI, BJP
87,308 VOTES

Muslims to attend 'Basava Purana' in Gajendragad

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

HALAKERE Annadana Samsthan Mutt's Muppin Basavalinga seer has invited Muslims to attend the month-long discourses on 'Basava Purana' and other rituals at the mutt in Gajendragad. Muslims have accepted the invitation and agreed to participate in the event in large numbers. The seer visited Jamia Masjid at Gajendragad on Friday and invited Muslims to participate in the event to be held from November 25.

He said the aim of the event is to promote peace and harmony in society. Britishers divided people in the name of caste and religion and now the mutt wants to unite them through such events. Takked Dargah Hazarat Nizamuddin Ashrafi of the masjid said, "We should take an oath to live in peace and harmony henceforth. We are all Indians, but bigots always try to divide us and we should resist their attempts unitedly."

Siddappa Bandi, Gajendragad Veerashaiva-Lingayat Sangha president, said seating arrangements have been made for 10,000 people and prasada will be distributed to all during the month-long event. Thousands of devotees from Gadag and nearby districts will participate in this unique event.

Priyanka's 4.1L victory margin betters Rahul's in Wayanad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

CONGRESS general secretary Priyanka Vadra Gandhi made her electoral debut with a bang with a massive victory in the bypoll for the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, vacated by brother Rahul Gandhi. Her margin of victory - by over 4.1 lakh votes - bettered Rahul's 3.6 lakh vote margin.

The party also won byelections to all three assembly seats in Karnataka, wresting one each from the BJP and JD(S), while retained Palakkad in Kerala.

Bypolls were also held for several assembly constituencies in over a dozen states, including UP, which witnessed polling in nine seats. The ruling BJP retaining its five constituencies and wrested two from the Samajwadi Party.

In West Bengal, the ruling Trinamool Congress won all the six assembly constituencies that witnessed by-elections, including Madarihat it wrested from the BJP.

The ruling NDA in Bihar pocketed all four seats — Belaganj, Imamganj, Tarari and Ramgarh. The NDA swept the bypolls to eight Assembly seats in the Northeast.

In Rajasthan, the BJP won five of seven seats while the Congress secured a win in Dausa. The ruling AAP in Punjab wrested Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak and Chabbewal from the Congress but ended up losing the Barnala seat to the grand old party.

AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge celebrates the party's win in Wayanad, with candidate Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

5 on 7 in Rajasthan

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- **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Kartika • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Navami 11.09 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Purvaphalguni 12.03 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER | MIN 17°C | MAX 28°C | FORECAST: Overcast

Sunrise 06.22 am | Sunset 05.50 pm | Moonrise 12.48 am | Moonset 01.23 pm

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

TALL GREEN SHOOTS

Karadadoddi has gone from rocky to lush land, with the Koti Vruksha Abhiyana and forest department implementing the '1 crore sapling' campaign successfully

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

IN the last quarter of 2017, when organisers of Koti Vruksha Abhiyana (one crore saplings campaign) visited Karadadoddi area, adjacent to Bhutanal tank, it was completely barren. Seven years later, it has transformed into a lush green forest with trees standing over 6-ft tall, attracting dozens of species of birds.

It is a story of dedication, hard work and commitment to increase the green cover of drought-prone Vijayapura district. The Karadadoddi forest development project is part of Koti Vruksha Abhiyana, with one crore saplings to be planted in Vijayapura district over five years.

Murgesh Pattanshetty, coordinator of Koti Vruksha Abhiyana Pratishthana, said the main purpose of the project is to increase the forest cover, improve rainfall and generate more oxygen in the environment. The project was executed by distributing saplings to farmers though nurseries, and even private NGOs were involved in promoting the project extensively.

He said that unlike districts such as Bagalkot and Belagavi in North Karnataka, Vijayapura has limited forest land, and more agricultural land. Therefore, the Pratishtana had to identify the only available non-forest land for planting the saplings. "We identified lands of schools and college, and revenue land in rural areas where the Prathistana, with the help of the forest department, distributed at least 25 lakh plants each year," he said.

Spreading awareness

Initially, the Pratishthana and Forest department had to hold camps to distribute saplings and raise awareness. But soon, they reached a stage where farmers came in large numbers and stood in queues to collect the saplings. The Forest department was forced to limit the distribution of saplings to control the crowd.

As many as 124 varieties of saplings were identified for distribution, and were planted at different locations. "Initially, the farmers objected to taking saplings as they wanted a particular variety. Based on their need, saplings of mango, sapota, custard apple, and commercial plants such as sandalwood, red sanders, Malabar neem etc were distributed," he said.

Pattanshetty said that besides the Pratishthana, other NGOs in the district, like Society for Protection of Plants and Animals (SPPA), Hasiru Torana Balaga of Muddebihal taluk, Hasiru Sampada of Talikot taluk and Nanna Gida, Nanna Bhumi of Vijayapura city also joined hands. Founder of SPPA Dhruva Patil has been bringing Indian and foreign students to show them the forest areas being developed. He believes it is the right time to start planting saplings extensively and prevent air pollution in the coming days.

Karadadoddi, which was transformed into a lush green forest as part of the Koti Vruksha Abhiyana Pratishthana | EXPRESS

Why Karadadoddi

Located around 8km from the city, Karadadoddi is spread over 540 acres, the biggest patch of land owned by the Revenue department close to Vijayapura city. The reason for selecting Karadadoddi was its proximity to Bhutanal tank, where water is easily available for the saplings.

Pattanshetty said that it was minister MB Patil, who was then handling the irrigation portfolio and was Vijayapura district minister, who convinced the district administration to hand over the land to the Forest department to take up plantation work. "The objective of the campaign is primarily to increase forest cover of Vijayapura district, which is just 0.17 per cent as against the national average of 33 per cent," Pattanshetty said.

On the challenges faced by the Forest department in converting barren land into a forest, ACF, Almatti Forest Division Ramesh Chavan said that the major challenge was the hard terrain of Karadadoddi. In order to make pits for planting saplings, the Forest department used breakers and earthmovers, and planted over 67,000 saplings of over 70 varieties of plants.

He said that since the terrain is rocky, it was important to select plants that are suitable for the land, mainly those that need little water and can withstand scorching summers. "We took the challenge and worked with the Forest department and district administration, without whose support, this mega challenge could not have been met," he said.

Chavan said that initially, a decision was taken to supply water through drip irrigation, but as micro irrigation did not work efficiently, they had to deploy water tankers during summers. "We used eight tankers daily for over two months to supply water to the plants and save them, during the drought. Planting saplings was one challenge, ensuring they survive was another," Chavan said.

He believes that in the next 10 years, Karadadoddi will be a very different place with flora and fauna, making it a biodiverse spot with increasing green cover. Pattanshetty said that MB Patil plans to have recreational facilities such as a walking track, garden, aquarium, food court etc, in the forest area.

Mahantesh Bijjaragi, a businessman and walking enthusiast, said that he has been walking in Karadadoddi forest every morning for the past three years. "Vijayapura needs more such plantations. People should be made aware of the importance of forests and greenery," he said.

From delivering food to winning medals

This food delivery agent who was born paralysed is caught between ensuring the survival of his family and his love for sports

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @Belagavi

LIFE has constantly tested Dinesh Sidragavali, a determined food delivery agent from Belagavi. Born with paralysed legs since the age of two, Sidragavali has faced numerous challenges, both in daily survival and his passion for sports. Yet, his indomitable spirit has helped him overcome every obstacle, turning adversity into opportunities for growth.

Despite his physical limitations, Sidragavali works tirelessly as a food delivery driver for a private company, earning a modest income to support his family-- his wife and ailing mother. His story is one of resilience—balancing the harsh realities of life with the pursuit of his dreams in sports.

Sidragavali's journey has been anything but easy. Reflecting on his struggles, he shared with *The New Sunday Express*, he said, "The two biggest hurdles in my life have always been my paralysed legs and poverty. But my determination to keep fighting has always turned the bitterness of life into something better." He added that ensuring the survival of his family came first; sports, which he loves dearly, comes second.

Against all odds

Despite the challenges, Sidragavali has excelled as an athlete. He has participated in state and national tournaments, including the Karnataka Para Table Tennis competition and the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship in 2023, where he earned accolades for his exceptional performances.

Sidragavali was only in 8th standard, when his father, Ramdas, died of a cardiac arrest in 2008, leaving him, his mother, and his sister in financial distress. To support the family, his mother and sister began working as construction labourers. Determined to do his part, Sidragavali completed his 10th standard, while taking on various jobs to ease their financial burdens.

In a turn of fate, Sidragavali was able to join the HRD Trust in Bengaluru, which became a pivotal moment in his life. The Trust provided him with a specially designed, detachable vehicle created by engineers from IIT Chennai. This vehicle, which doubles as a wheelchair, has been crucial in helping him work as a food delivery agent. For six months, he served in Bengaluru but had to return to Belagavi to care for his mother, who was struggling with health issues.

Currently based in Belagavi, Sidragavali has been working as a delivery driver for the past year and a half. Despite doing his best, there have been times when customers blamed him for not being able to deliver food to their doorsteps (if they are to be reached by climbing the staircase). But there have been a lot of good experiences too, he added.

Recently, he married Amruta, who is also physically challenged. This new chapter in his life has brought additional responsibilities, and his struggles have only intensified.

While Sidragavali's passion for sports remains strong, the financial burden of participating in tournaments has made his dreams blur.

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Sidragavali poses with his trophy and certifcate

Youth vital to shape nation's future, says Guv

ENS @ Bengaluru

GOVERNOR Thaawarchand Gehlot flagged off the Yuva Shuddhi Abhiyan, an anti-narcotic campaign from Raj Bhavan on Saturday. Organised by the Bharatiya Nurses and Allied Sangh, its aims to create awareness among college students on the dangers of drug abuse. The Governor emphasised that the youth play a pivotal role in shaping the nation's future. "They are the pillars of our society, who should build a better and developed India. It is essential to foster a healthy, innovative, and value-based environment," he said. He highlighted that the energy, enthusiasm and leadership potential of young people is crucial in creating a drug-free and empowered society.

The Governor also stressed on the importance of early guidance from parents and teachers in steering young minds toward the right path. "A positive environment plays an important role in preventing drug addiction. Modern lifestyle, stress and societal pressure often push individuals towards substance abuse, but awareness must be raised that it is not a solution," he added.

GOVT HEALTHCARE CENTRES IN RAICHUR GO THE SOLAR WAY

1ST DIST IN INDIA

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

RAICHUR has become the first district in India to fully equip its health centres with solar energy. With 257 health facilities, including 191 sub-centres and 51 primary health centres, the district relies on an average installed solar capacity of 1,000 kWp.

This transition to renewable energy has brought significant benefits, reducing electricity bills of these centres by up to 70%. The initiative is also saving the state government around Rs 86.4 lakh each year, highlighting how clean energy solutions can lead to economic and environmental gains.

The initiative was launched by the health department in collaboration with SELCO, a non-profit organisation, in 2021. This year, the project was expanded to 5,000 healthcare centres across the state, benefiting more than three crore people in rural areas.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao told TNSE that the initiative was initially launched in Raichur considering its development needs and favourable weather conditions, such as ample sunshine. "The initiative has been expanded to 1,152 health facilities, and we have added 5,000 more," he said.

Over the next two years, the project aims to cover the entire state. With this expansion, the government expects to save up to Rs 60 lakh each month and around Rs 7 crore annually, the minister said.

Raichur, which is managing six community health centres, 51 primary health centres (PHCs), 191 sub-centres, four sub-divisional hospitals, and five urban PHCs, on solar energy, has a specialised centre for solar operations and maintenance, similar to a call centre, where systems are monitored through dashboards to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Solar panels installed on the terrace of a health centre in Raichur | EXPRESS

"Solar backups have greatly improved the reliability of health centres, changing how people view them. Till a few years ago, many women and children were hesitant to come to these centres for healthcare. But now, they have a different perspective," Sara Bano, PHC officer at Mittimalkapur sub-centre in Raichur district, said.

Bano told TNSE that recently, her youngest sister chose to have her first child at the primary health centre in her village, a decision which she said reflects the growing trust in these facilities.

Dr Shalam Pasha, administrative medical officer, Kalmala PHC, Raichur district, recalled how difficult it used to be to perform routine procedures such as suturing an episiotomy without electricity. "I would sometimes struggle in darkness and leave the operation theatre feeling disheartened," he said.

Despite having capable staff, lack of reliable access to electrical equipment, which helps streamline procedures and minimises errors, was a major challenge. However, everything changed in 2021 when the centre and its sub-centres were equipped with solar power. "It was a game changer," Dr Pasha said.

MLA Rizwan Arshad cleans the premises of Bal Bhavan as part of CSR activity with employees and volunteers of B-PAC and TTIBI in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CLEAN-UP DRIVE AT BAL BHAVAN

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) and Toyota Tsusho Insurance Broker India Pvt Ltd (TTIBI) conducted a clean-up drive at Bal Bhavan, Cubbon Park on Saturday. Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad inaugurated the drive, which is a CSR initiative of TTIBI. 108 kg of waste was collected during the drive. "It is wonderful to see employees and their families come together for this noble cause of cleaning Bal Bhavan. We hope more organisations join this cause," said MLA Rizwan Arshad. Takayuki Ueda, Managing Director & CEO of TTIBI said, "TTIBI is committed to the communities in which we operate and this time we have partnered with B.PAC to a promote cleaner and greener park for children, as part of the Children's day month."

Aster hosp introduces Active Bleeding Control campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TO address the urgent need for immediate response in emergencies, the Department of Pediatrics and PICU at Aster RV Hospital launched the Active Bleeding Control (ABC) Guru campaign on Children's Day. The event brought together over 200 students from various schools.

These students, as part of the campaign, pledged to 'Be the help until help arrives' and become ABC volunteers, committed to learning life-saving skills and helping their communities during emergency situations.

Dr Sujatha Thyagarajan, senior consultant in Pediatrics and Pediatric Intensive Care at Aster RV Hospital, emphasised the importance of immediate action in bleeding emergencies. "Uncontrolled bleeding can cause death before professional help arrives, hence it is essential to act quickly and stop the bleeding immediately. This campaign teaches six vital steps to control bleeding, empowering bystanders to save lives until help arrives," she explained

EXPRESS READ

Forest dept recovers encroached land

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Forest Department recovered encroached land worth Rs 25 crore on Saturday, spanning 4.3 acres in Bhootanahalli state forest, near Kaggalipura-Bannerghatta Road. According to a release shared from the Forest, Environment and Ecology department office, the forest land in Bhootanahalli in Anekal is spread across 539.27 acres. Of this 4.36 acres were encroached by one Ravi Kavale, who had also constructed a farmhouse on the land. The forest department had filed an FIR in 2006 and fought a legal battle to take possession of the land.

Mangaluru Crime Control Bureau team arrested a notorious rowdy-sheeter while he was conspiring to attack rival gang members on Friday. Dawood, 43, of Dharmanagar in Ullal was arrested near Talapady-Devipura Road, Mangaluru

Air quality under control in K'taka cities

Raichur emerges as cleanest city; Followed by Madikeri, Udupi, Mysuru, and Shivamogga

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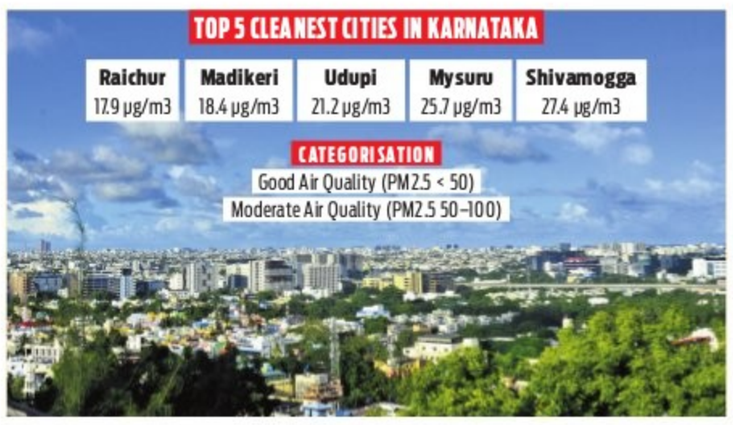

THE Air Quality Index (AQI) in cities of Karnataka is better than that of other Indian cities during this early winter period. Furthermore, Raichur has been termed as the cleanest cities in Karnataka, followed by Madikeri.

These findings are a part of the report prepared by AtlasAQ platform by Respirer Living Sciences, a Maharashtra based climate-tech startup working on all Indian cities. The team studied the air pollution levels of 281 Indian cities from Novermber 3- 16, 2024. They monitored the PM2.5 levels post Deepawali, or the early winter onset period.

According to the report, Raichur emerged as one of the cleanest cities in the state, recording an average PM2.5 level of 17.9 µg/m3, followed closely by Madikeri-18.4 µg/m3. "Both cities fell within the good air quality category, underscoring the success of effective local governance, lower industrial density and favourable geographic conditions. They also stand out across India. These cities rank alongside the northeastern cities- Imphal in Manipur (14.2 µg/m3), Nagaon in Assam (16.9 µg/m3) and the other southern city- Ariyalur in Tamil Nadu (15.0 µg/m3)."

Ronak Sutaria, Founder and CEO of Respirer Living Sciences said, "Karnataka has showcased an impressive air quality ranking overall, with a majority of cities, including Udupi (21.2 µg/m3), Mysuru (25.7 µg/m3) and Shivamogga (27.4 µg/m3) also ranking in the good category. Even Bengaluru managed to maintain a moderate air quality with an average PM2.5 level of 40.8 µg/m3, outperforming many major metros including Mumbai and Chennai."

He added that studies in Karnataka showed that clear air goals can be achieved through proactive policies, regional collaboration and sustainable urban planning. "Raichur and Madikeri's air quality rankings are a testament to the importance of managing urban and industrial growth while prioritising environmental health," he said.

HC TELLS NIMHANS

'Consider granting 120 days Child Care Leave to nurse'

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THE Karnataka High Court dismissed the petition filed by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) against the order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), directing it to consider granting 120 days of Child Care Leave (CCL) to its nurse S Anitha Joseph and extend concerned benefits.

Dismissing the petition filed by NIMHANS, represented by its Director, Dr Prathima Murthy, the division bench of Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice CM Joshi said the significance of CCL cannot be discounted. Anitha, who hails from Kerala, is a bonafide employee of NIMHANS since 2016, "with spotless service records".

"Her's is an inter-caste marriage; she begot a baby. Maternity leave apart, a lactating mother has to be granted CCL. The maximum is 120 days, combined with leave of any other kind in terms of Rule 43C of the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972. It is only in the case of an employee, who is on a probationary period, such a leave may be denied," the Bench added.

NIMHANS had moved the high court, questioning the order dated February 14, 2024, passed by the CAT, directing it to consider a grant of 120 days CCL from January 14, 2023, to May 14, 2023, and extend CCL benefits within eight weeks. Anitha was appointed Nursing Officer in 2016. She availed 180 days maternity leave till January 1, 2023.

The counsel for NIMHANS contended that any leave is not a matter of right and granting such a long leave would create difficulties in the ICU, where Anitha is working and her long absence would disrupt routine work of significance.

Rejecting this contention, the court noted that the counsel admitted that there are more than 700 nurses of whom 70 per cent are women. How the absence of one such nurse would create insurmountable difficulty, remains a riddle wrapped in enigma. During the relevant period, how many of such nurses have remained away from the job because of resignation, retirement, removal or leave is also not forthcoming. In matters like this, the decision has to be a bit data-driven, and not based on assumptions and presumptions.

1,300-page additional chargesheet filed in Renukaswamy murder case

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THE Kamakshipalya police investigating the kidnap and murder case of 33-year-old Renukaswamy from Chitradurga have submitted an additional chargesheet of 1300 pages to a local court. Vijaynagar sub-division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Chandan Kumar submitted the additional chargesheet containing reports from Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) and digital evidence from the mobile phones of the accused. The police had submitted the first chargesheet on September 4 consisting of 3991 pages.

"The 1300 page additional chargesheet running upto three volumes was submitted to the 57th City Civil and Sessions Court near Mysore Bank Circle on Saturday morning," an officer said.

The additional chargesheet contains technical and forensic evidence against few of the accused, particularly against accused number 2 actor **Darshan Thoogudeepa**. Over 20 vital pieces of evidence have been incorporated in the additional chargesheet. Some of the deleted photographs and other digital evidence have also been recovered from the mobile phones of the key accused. The most incriminating evidence is eight photographs recovered from one of the witness Puneeth's mobile phone. An image allegedly showing Darshan present at the crime scene by wearing a blue T- shirt and jeans is one among the eight photographs. The other images show Anu Kumar, Ravishankar and Jagadish alias Jagga at the crime scene.

It may be recalled that the High Court on October 30 granted interim bail for six weeks to Darshan on medical grounds. The interim bail was granted after the court observed that it was the right of an undertrial to avail medical treatment. Darshan is presently undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Kengeri. Meanwhile, the city police said that they will be filing an appeal in the Supreme Court against the interim bail granted to Darshan. The actor was arrested on June 11 in the murder case. Darshan was arrested in Mysuru by a team of police officers headed by the Vijayanagar sub-division ACP. Darshan came out on bail after spending 131 days in prison.

EXPRESS READ

Two bank managers among three convicted

Bengaluru: The 32 Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge and Special Judge for CBI Cases, Bengaluru, sentenced three accused including HM Swamy, then Branch Manager of Syndicate Bank, Mandya branch, Vittal Das, then Manager of Syndicate Bank, Kollegal branch and Asadulla Khan (private person) to one to three years imprisonment with total fine of Rs. 52 lakh in a bank fraud case of Rs 12.63 crore. Accused Swamy was sentenced to three years imprisonment with fine of Rs 1.5 lakh, Das to one year imprisonment with fine of Rs 50,000 and Khan to three years imprisonment with fine of Rs 50 lakh. CBI had registered the instant case on April 15, 2009 on a written complaint of the Chief Vigilance Officer, Syndicate Bank against the accused. After investigation, CBI filed chargesheet on November, 12, 2010.

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POSITIONS	DEPARTMENTS
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- **Eligibility:** Qualification, Experience & Salary as per AICTE Norms.
- Eligible candidates can submit their resume in person along with copies of qualifying certificates, Aadhar Card, Pan Card and recent passport size photo on or before **29.11.2024 by 3.00 pm** to the above address. You can also send the resume to college e-mail: **kitssingapuram@yahoo.co.in**
- Interview dates will be informed to the candidates after the scrutiny.

Date: 23.11.2024 Sd/- **Secretary & Correspondent**

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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,
1. **Mr.Kumar P (Borrower)** No.24/46, 3RD Cross Road, 4th A Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Mahadeshwara Nagar Main Road, Bangalore - 560091
2. **Ms. Deepa R. (Co-Borrower)** No.24/46, 3RD Cross Road, 4th A Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Mahadeshwara Nagar Main Road, Bangalore - 560091

No. 1 & 2 amongst you have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No.1& 2 of/Amongst you. An amount of **Rs.40,15,077/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Seventy Seven Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 06.11.2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

Details of the mortgaged Assets : All the piece And parcel of the Northern Portion of Site No.26, Katha SL. No.1132, Old Katha No.35, New Assessment No.35/2,Old Assessment No,35/3 Situated At Dodda bidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 30 feet And North to South 20 feet Totally measuring 600 Sq. Feet with Built House, Bounded on the: East: Site No.17 and 18, West: Road, North: Site No.25, South: Remaining Southern Portion of the Same Site No.26.

Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1& 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication .As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction,the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **29.10.2024** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **06.11.2024** within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the afore said security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore, **Authorised Officer**
Date : 23.11.2024 **Can Fin Homes Limited**

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The under mentioned person is hereby informed that he has failed to pay off the liability in the loan account. Notices sent to him by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Branch. He is therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **26/11/2024** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at **4.00 P.M. on 27/11/2024** or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

S.No	Date of Loan	Loan Number	Name and address of the borrower
1	08-11-2023	116426540000581	Mr. Sampath N. No. B 91 SLN Nagar, Bommasandra Hosur Main Road, Bangalore 560099

NOTE: Amount outstanding should include all liabilities of the party under Gold Loans as well as any other loan/credit facility.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 24/11/2024
Sd/- Manager (Branch Head) Officer

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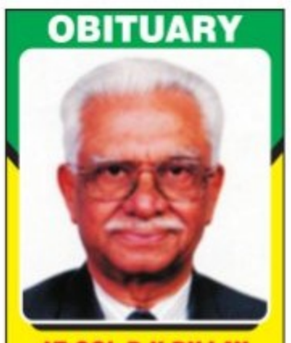

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that our client/s **Sri C.N. Gangadhara Reddy** by his GPA holder Smt. S. Saileela has lost the original Khata Certificate issued by the BDA vide No.12/RE-LE-V/09-10, dated 03/03/2010 with respect to site No.12 of RELIABLE LAKEVISTA of Haralur village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru and lodged an FIR dated 21/11/2024. Finders, please inform to the below address.

M/s. CAMBRIDGE LAW FIRM
Advocates & Consultants
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, SRI. S. MOHAN, No.225, 6th Stage, J.P. Nagar, BANGALORE - 560 078, intends to create mortgage in favour of REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED, Banashankari Branch, Bangalore, as security for the loan to be availed by him depositing the title deeds in of the Schedule Property. If anybody has any claims, rights, title, interest or any objection, in the Schedule Property, may be sent to my following address within 7 days from today.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of the property bearing Old Sy. No.37, New Sy. No.37/7, situated at Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: 26.5 feet and North to South: 19 feet in all measuring 503.5 Square feet., and bounded as follows:

EAST : Property belongs to Puttamma, Krishnappa, Basavaraju and Parvathamma,
WEST : Portion belongs to S. Mahesh,
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B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, ADVOCATE,
No: 231, 11th Main, 37th cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41.

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Tender Notice No.- PR 407/2024

Bihar School Examination Board invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for **"Providing Logistic Services for Execution of Secondary & Senior Secondary Examination-2025 (Annual & Compartmental) and Other Examinations at BSEB Main Building at Patna, Barcode Centres, Evaluation Centres and at All Regional Offices of BSEB."** Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, other terms and conditions are available on the website **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**.

Tender Schedule

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/ Download Date of Tender Documents	From:**25/11/2024 (11:00 Hrs.)** to **16/12/2024 (14:00 Hrs.) (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Pre-Bid Meeting	**30/11/2024 at 12:30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for Submission/ uploading of Online Bid	**16/12/2024 up to 14:00 Hrs. (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Last Date and Time for Submission of EMD (Only in case of BG) / Samples	**18/12/2024 up to 14:00 Hrs.**
Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	**18/12/2024 at 15:00 Hrs (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced later by competent authority.
Cost of the Tender Document	₹**3,540/-** (Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Rupees only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Processing Fee	₹**3,540/-** (Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Rupees only) (Non-Refundable)
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- **Contact Details:** Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer, Mobile No.: **+91 62999 23095,** E-Mail ID: **eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in/ eproc.bseb@gmail.com**
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Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. KESHAVAMURTHY, S/o Govindappa, R/at No.292, 5th Cross, Arekere Mico Layout, Bannerughatta Road, Mico Layout Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560076 is acquired the Schedule Property in the online auction held on eBKray portal on 13/11/2024, conducted by the Bank of Baroda, Sarakki Branch, Bengaluru under the provision of SARFAESI Act. Execution of the Sale Certificate by the Bank in favour of my client is under process. Any interested person/s having any manner of right or title or interest or claim or objection or however otherwise, may file his / her/ their objections or claims in writing to the below mentioned address with relevant documents in support of his/her /their claim or objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.104, BBMP Katha No.105/104/104, in the layout formed by the Bangalore MICO Shrama Jeevi Karmikara Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha, Bangalore, situated at Arekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the jurisdiction of Ward No.193-Arekere, BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1500 square feet together with the house building thereon with all civic amenities and bounded on:

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] **(For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30.08.2024** calling upon the borrower **1. Sri.Gunashekar Naidu M, 2.Smt.Jagadeeshwari, 3.Sri.Prashanth M G & 4.Smt.Chandrika** residing at # 23, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Ittumadu, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore- 560085, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.29,04,379/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine lakhs Four thousand Three hundred and Seventy Nine only) as on **31/07/2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **22nd day of November 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari 3rd Stage Branch, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs.30,15,184/-** (Rupees Thirty lakhs Fifteen thousand One hundred and Eighty Four only) as on **31.10.2024** plus interest from **01.11.2024** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE: All that piece or parcel of the property belongs to Smt.Jagadeeshwari bearing old No.23, Khatha No.41, New BBMP No.6, PID No. 55-506-6, 7th cross, Ittumadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 40 Ft totally measuring 1200 Sqft with building there on same is bounded on : East by : Property No.24, West by: Private Property, North by: Remaining portion of the property of R Muniraju, South by : Road.

Date : 22.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd**

After our government came to power in 2023, the BJP made false allegations against me and my government, said CM Siddaramaiah after the Congress' victory in the bypolls. He said that the opposition parties spread lies about the guarantees

3-0 CONG HAS THE LAST LAUGH

GoP now has 138 MLAs; BJP and JDS down one each | Ruling party used money power, says BJP after drubbing | Development, guarantees helped us win, says DKS

It's all in family as Tukaram passes baton to Annapoorna

SANDUR

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Sandur

THE Congress continued its winning streak in the Sandur Assembly segment, with its candidate **Annapoorna Tukaram** winning the bypoll by over 9,000 votes, against BJP candidate Bangaru Hanumanthu. The BJP was hoping to create history and had used all its ammunition by deploying former minister and MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy, but all its efforts failed to fructify, even as Hanumanthu gave a tough fight. On the other hand, not wanting to take the battle lightly, the Congress campaigned with full force, with CM Siddaramaiah camping there and addressing rallies over a three-day period. Annapoorna is the wife of Ballari MP E Tukaram.

Apart from the party's strong organisational strength, the performance of Tukaram also helped Congress. Also, Lad, who had represented the seat earlier, was stationed in the segment throughout the campaign days in advance, and tried to ensure the Congress' victory. Out of 1,80,189 polled votes, Annapoorna secured 93,616, and Hanumanthu got 83,967 votes. The bypoll to Sandur was necessitated after Congress MLA E Tukaram was elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year.

"CM Siddaramaiah's clean image and his working style helped me . Also, minister Lad, MP Tukaram and our party workers made their contributions. As of now, my priorities include providing better roads, a multi-speciality hospital and potable drinking water," she said.

BJP candidate Hanumathu said that the State Government used money power to win.

> *The Gowda family has made it a habit to shed tears in front of people during polls. The family should have shed tears for Prajwal's victims in Hassan*
>
> **Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister**

(Left) The scene outside the jubilant Karnataka Congress HQ in Bengaluru on Saturday after the party's victory in the three bypolls in the state; Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses the media | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, EXPRESS

> *Our guaran-tees, Siddaram-aiah's leadership and our workers and MLAs are responsible for our victory*
>
> **DK Shivakumar, DyCM and KPCC chief**

Sainika triumphs, Nikhil third time unlucky

CHANNAPATNA

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

IN the battle for Channapatna between two actor-turned-politicians, the *Sainika* has emerged victorious.

The voters of Channapatna, the 'Land of Toys,' have elected their 'Son of the Soil' as legislator, with Congress' **CP Yogeshwara** defeating NDA's Nikhil Kumaraswamy by a handsome margin of 25,413 votes. While Yogeshwara secured 1,12,642 votes, Nikhil polled 87,229 votes. Apart from further cementing the Congress' base in Old Mysuru, Yogeshwara's win has strengthened the hands of DyCM and KPCC president D K Shivakumar in the Vokkaliga bastion.

The vote base Yogeshwara had developed on his own, cutting across communities and party lines, as a five-time MLA, has steered him to victory against Nikhil, grandson of former PM HD Deve Gowda, and son of Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy. And for Nikhil, this is his third straight loss in electoral politics after having lost the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Mandya and the 2023 Assembly polls from Ramanagara.

Yogeshwara might have switched parties, but throughout the campaign, his USP was the development works he implemented in Channapatna during his tenure as an MLA and minister in the past. By crushing Nikhil, Yogeshwara has settled the scores with Kumaraswamy after he tasted two consecutive defeats at the latter's hand.

"My team and the Congress team worked in tandem. I am grateful to CM Siddaramaiah, DyCM DK Shivakumar, and their cabinet colleagues. The man whom I had ensured will taste defeat in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from Bangalore Rural—DK Suresh—helped me win," Yogeshwara said, expressing his gratitude to the DK Brothers. "In order to become a union minister, Kumaraswamy made his son a scapegoat. Former CM BS Yediyurappa and his son BY Vijayendra, the state BJP chief, conspired to move me out of NDA, though I had helped them in the past," Yogeshwara said. He also hit out at the JDS, saying that the regional party was facing an existential crisis. "It risked Nikhil's political career... after his defeat, the JDS is counting its days," Yogeshwara said.

Meanwhile, former DyCM and BJP MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan credited Yogeshwara's victory to his own strength and not to the popularity of the Congress. It can be recalled that several BJP leaders, including LoP in the Assembly R Ashoka, had strongly lobbied to give the NDA ticket to Yogeshwara.

Yogeshwara resigned as MLC and from the BJP just before the bypolls. He got a red carpet welcome into the Congress by DyCM DK Shivakumar, who had made up his mind not to field his younger brother, DK Suresh. The BJP could not stop its Channapatna party cadre from shifting its loyalty to Yogeshwara, which proved costly for Nikhil.

Former PM and JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda claiming credit for the construction of the Iggaluru dam did not attract voters, as Yogeshwara had already made an impact by filling the tanks.

The minority vote bank that helped Kumaraswamy win against Yogeshwara in 2023 shifted loyalties to the latter this time by converting what would have been a photo finish to a convincing win for the Congress. The issue of Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan making an alleged "racist" remark on Kumaraswamy and the ongoing Waqf land row, too, did not help Nikhil.

"It is evident that the votes of a particular community have largely gone to Congress. The JDS has always stood for the welfare of this community, and Deve Gowda ensured reservation for them. Despite our contributions, they didn't vote for us. I don't wish to comment further," Nikhil added.

> *To become union minister, Kumaraswamy made his son a scapegoat* - **CP Yogeshwara, Congress leader**

> *I will not sit idle. I will continue to fight with renewed determination* - **Nikhil Kumaraswamy, JDS leader**

Pathan ends BJP's luck; not a debute to remember for Bharat

SHIGGAON

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @ Hubballi

BY winning the Shiggaon Assembly constituency, the Congress has put an end to the BJP's winning streak in a seat that has been a Bommai stronghold since 2008. The last time the Congress won the seat was in 1994. The Congress' last-minute pick, **Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan**, defeated Bharat Bommai, son of Haveri MP and former CM Basavaraj Bommai, by 13,448 votes. While Pathan polled 1,00,756 votes (52.41%), Bharat secured 87,308 votes (45.41%).

This bitter defeat has come as a shock to the BJP and more to Basavaraj Bommai. The bypoll to the constituency was necessitated following the election of Basavaraj Bommai to the Lok Sabha from Haveri in May.

Though the victory came as a surprise for many, even for those in the Congress. the party started to lay the groundwork for Saturday's victory from this year's Lok Sabha polls itself. The Congress candidate had gained a lead of over 8,500 votes against the BJP candidate from the Shiggaon Assembly segment, which is part of the Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency. Despite losing the Dharwad seat, the Congress started to build on the momentum it had gained and fielded a Muslim candidate. Shiggaon has a sizable Muslim population.

The Congress deployed eight cabinet ministers to campaign for Pathan. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself campaigned extensively for three days, and his deputy, DK Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress chief, addressed a series of rallies and party workers' meetings.

Political pundits opine that in addition to a well-planned strategy, the Congress spoiled the efforts of the BJP to polarise voters using the Waqf land issue. A section of Muslims who voted for Bommai in the past switched their loyalties and voted for Pathan. Also, Siddaramaiah's Ahinda factor helped Pathan to an extent, say experts.

After the victory, Pathan attributed his success to Congress leaders, particularly Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, and promised to work as per the expectations of the people of the constituency. Bharat, however, said that he would introspect and try to find out where he went wrong after holding discussions with senior BJP leaders.

Meanwhile, Basavaraj Bommai said that he would humbly accept the people's verdict and congratulated Pathan. He also hoped that development in the constituency would not stop. He accused the Congress of winning by using money power.

Siddu says people gave a fitting reply to "sinners"

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said that there was a proposal before his government seeking quota for Muslims while awarding contracts to execute development works, but a decision in this regard has not been taken.

Addressing reporters after results of bypolls were declared, he alleged that BJP raked up the Waqf issue with an aim to target the minority community for political gains. "BJP's manifesto for 2014 LS polls promised that encroachments on Waqf properties will be cleared. Even former CM Basavaraj Bommai spoke in favour of it. Now, by raising the issue BJP showed its double standards. But I have instructed officials to withdraw notices issued to farmers to ensure that their land is not taken away.

LoP R Ashoka called us sinners. But bypoll results indicated who are sinners. People gave them a fitting reply," he said.

On Bommai's allegation that Congress won because of its money power, Siddaramaiah said, "How come BJP won 125 of the 149 seats it contested in Maharashtra? Was it through money? Bommai made the allegation because of his son's defeat."

Referring to NDA's padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru against his (Siddaramaiah's) family over the MUDA issue, he said it did not help that alliance. In fact, the NDA candidate lost in Channapatna. He criticised PM Modi for allegedly trying to mislead voters in Maharashtra and Jharkhand stating that the Congress government in Karnataka did not implement the five guarantees and terming them a wrong financial programme.

"HD Deve Gowda gave a call to hurt my pride and stated that his intention is to remove the Congress government. I pity him for making such remarks being a former PM. Gowda made such remarks despite my long association with him. The Gowda family has made it a habit to shed tears in front of the people during elections. The family members should have shed tears for Prajwal Revanna's victims in Hassan," the CM said.

POLITICS OF LIVELIHOOD, NOT POLITICS OF EMOTION WORKS, SAYS DK SHIVAKUMAR

DyCM DK Shivakumar said the bypoll results are an indicator of things to come in the 2028 Assembly elections. "We will come back to power in 2028. I am saying this responsibly as the president of KPCC. We will fulfil the aspirations of the people once again," he said. He termed it as a victory for development and guarantee schemes. "It is time the Opposition stops its false propaganda. Politics of emotion doesn't work and the people have given the verdict that they want politics of livelihood," the DyCM told media persons. He said the Rs 56,000 crore spent on guarantees works out to about Rs 250 crore per Assembly segment. "Isn't that economically empowering the poor and the middle class? " he said. Shivakumar said he won't call the loss in Channapatna Nikhil's defeat. His father Kumaraswamy became a CM from this constituency and this verdict is people's verdict for the legacy he has left behind, he said. He said the Opposition leaders must stop levelling false allegations against the CM. "It is proven that people don't accept spreading lies. The by-elections took place in Old Mysuru Region, Kalyana Karnataka region, and Kittur Karnataka region. The sentiment is clear," he said.

After loss, Nikhil says he'll continue to fight with determination

JDS youth wing president and NDA Channapatna candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy said he bows to the decision of the people and respects their mandate. "I will not sit idle. I will fight on with renewed determination," he said. He said this is his third electoral defeat, and he humbly accepts it and remains in the constituency to serve the people. Stating that his participation in the bypoll was a last-minute decision made under challenging circumstances for the party, Nikhil said the outcome was disheartening. "Receiving 87,031 votes as a young leader in such a short period is no small feat. This is not just a number but a reflection of people's trust," he said. Nikhil said they will introspect where they went wrong, identify areas for improvement, and take decisions accordingly.

Disappointed, says Vijayendra; Cong won due to money power: Ashoka

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra has said that the party is disappointed by the bypoll results and after introspecting the reasons for the setback, they would take corrective measures. "In the coming days, leaders of both the parties (BJP and ally JDS) will discuss the reasons for the setback and take corrective measures," he told the media. Vijayendra said that in Sandur, the party performed well and for the first time got around 80,000 votes. "The result in Shiggaon is shocking for us. Our party workers had worked day and night. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai has done a lot of development works. People have leaned towards the ruling party," he said. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly **R Ashoka** said that the Congress' victory was owing to money power and misusing power. People voted for Congress fearing that they may be deprived of development in their constituencies, Ashoka said. Officers and contractors worked for the ruling party candidates, he said.

BOOSTER SHOT FOR SIDDU-DKS LEADERSHIP

FOR the Congress party and its government in Karnataka, which were facing severe headwinds, the assembly bypoll results have come as a big morale boost. The 3:0 emphatic victory could help arrest the downward slide of the narrative against the government, especially after a series of controversies and backlash over the Waqf Board claiming agricultural lands and the move to reassess the BPL cards.

More importantly, it provided a much-needed relief for the embattled Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is under the scanner for the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites allotment case and facing flak over a multi-crore scam in the ST Development Corporation. The electoral victory would not have any bearing on the ongoing probes by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Lokayukta Police, and the Special Investigation Team (SIT). On that front, it remains an uphill task for the CM.

However, the bypoll win would help him to assert his position within the party and send out a strong message to the opposition, which is demanding his resignation. To some extent, it could undo the damage to his image and silence his detractors within the party.

Given the drubbing the party received in neighbouring Maharashtra, the Karnataka bypoll win has come as a face-saver for the Congress central leadership. This could give Siddaramaiah more leverage to effect the Cabinet reshuffle which many in the party believe is in the offing.

Although local factors played a major role in the Congress' win in all three seats that went to polls on November 13, the Grand Old Party fought the elections under the leadership of the CM and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, with the state government's guarantee schemes as a major polling plank.

In Channapatna, the fiercely fought election was seen as a fight between Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy and his bete noire, State Congress president DK Shivakumar. It was a contest to reassert the leadership in the Vokkaliga-dominated segment.

Shivakumar, who is eyeing the top post made an all-out effort to regain the hold that appeared to have slipped away after his brother DK Suresh, who lost to NDA candidate Dr CN Manjunath in Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha seat earlier this year.

On several occasions, Shivakumar had declared himself as a candidate. On its own, Congress hardly had any base in the segment. It was a stronghold of the JDS, while Yogeshwara enjoys a solid support base. Shivakumar's gambit of getting CP Yogeshwara to the party that too after the bypoll dates were announced worked well.

For JDS it was a prestigious election. They had to retain the seat vacated by Kumaraswamy after he was elected as MP from Mandya. His son Nikhil was the candidate. Along with his father Kumaraswamy, his grandfather, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, too had extensively campaigned for him. Channapatna turned out to be the third successive defeat for the actor-turned-politician from the JDS' most influential family. He had unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha polls from Mandya and 2024 Assembly elections from Ramanagara.

The Congress victory can be mainly attributed to the goodwill for Yogeshwara in the constituency and the BJP's failure to retain him in the party. What was on the ground a contest between JDS and Yogeshwara was a fight between Kumaraswamy and Shivakumar at the top. The victory has further strengthened Shivakumar's position.

Like Kumaraswamy, former Chief Minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai too faced a setback. BJP was fully confident of winning Shiggaon. Many in the party considered Bommai's son Bharat's victory as a foregone conclusion. Initially, Congress's decision to give the ticket to Yasir Khan Pathan was seen as a blunder. As the result showed, the BJP failed to put its act together, while Congress successfully executed its strategy of consolidating its traditional support base.

Wining Sandur was more crucial for Congress for two reasons: it was the seat represented by the party, and the ST corporation scam was one main issue. BJP leader and MLA Former minister Gali Janardhan Reddy was hoping to make his presence felt in the party by winning the seat. But, E Tukaram, who vacated the seat after he won the Lok Sabha elections from Ballari managed to ensure his wife E Annapoorna's victory.

Congress sees the results as an endorsement of its 18-month rule, guarantee schemes, and the leadership of Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar. After its not-so-impressive performance in the Lok Sabha elections, Congress managed to make a comeback and prove its ability to win elections.

The results could spell more trouble for the faction-ridden BJP state unit. Despite the government facing several challenges and mired in a series of controversies, the opposition failed to capitalize on it. The BJP state leadership could come under fire for its failure to gauge the situation on the ground.

For now, Congress could use this opportunity to reboot the administration, take control of the narrative, and make the most of its added strength in the Assembly. They will go into the winter session of the state legislature starting December 9 in Belagavi brimming with confidence. The BJP has to introspect and put its state unit in order.

The intricate Narasapuram crochet craft with a tradition of lace making, from the 19th century, has received the GI tag. Eluru collector Nagarani told that this recognition aims to reignite interest in exquisite handmade lace products made in Narasapuram and Palakollu towns

No surprises, Kerala spurns BJP in bypolls

Successful electoral debut for Priyanka; Cong cautiously optimistic of 2026 as victories boost confidence for UDF

ANIL S @Thiruvananthapuram

EVERYTHING, barring Congress candidate Rahul Mamkootathil's thumping margin in Palakkad, was on predictable lines in by-elections in Kerala. The state maintained the electoral status quo. However, there are enough pointers to the direction political Kerala is headed to, leaving ample scope for predictions.

With hardly a year remaining for local body polls, it's a much-needed bitter pill for the ruling LDF, morale booster for the Opposition UDF, and a wake-up call for an electorally emerging BJP.

In two closely-fought assembly by-elections that witnessed triangular contests and last-minute migrations, the UDF and the LDF retained respective seats, while in Wayanad LS seat, Gandhi scion Priyanka Gandhi Vadra recorded a predictably massive victory, with over 4 lakh votes. In Palakkad, Youth Congress chief Rahul Mamkootathil won with a massive majority of 18,840 votes. U R Pradeep retained the Chelakkara for the CPM with a decent margin of 12,201 votes.

While the authentic victories have come as a confidence booster for UDF, the LDF can counter charges of anti-incumbency with its Chelakkara win and improved performance in Palakkad. The BJP with a substantial dip in vote share in its strongholds has ended up the loser.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra flashes victory symbol following her massive victory in the Wayanad LS bypoll, on Saturday | PTI

The bypolls could well be a pointer to the political transformation that the state has been going through. Palakkad, which has been the centre of attention, witnessed the emergence of two prominent turncoats, in addition to a slew of twists and turns, right from candidate selection to political strategy.

While the Left strategy of fielding ex-Congress leader P Sarin turned a bit effective - as Left could improve vote share from 25.64% to 27%, the cash-for-vote scam, handling of the Sandeep Varier episode and the newspaper advertisement on the eve of polls, seemed to have backfired. In a deviation from the past, it was CPM secretary M V Govindan who led from the front, in place of CM Pinarayi Vijayan.

On the other hand, with such authentic victories, Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan has asserted his leadership in the party for the time being, as he single-handedly led the UDF show, right from candidate selection to poll campaigning to inducting Sandeep Varier, allegedly keeping other senior leaders at bay.

Satheesan, who has set his eyes on CMship, seems to have scored enough brownie points over other contenders in this round. Shafi Parambil who batted for Rahul, too cemented his position, especially with the UDF's successful harvest of both the Muslim minority and Hindu majority votes.

MAGIC CONTINUES

PAWAN ACHIEVES 100% STRIKE RATE IN MAHA

S VISWANATH @Vijayawada

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party (JSP) chief Pawan Kalyan, who won all the Assembly and Lok Sabha seats contested by his party, in alliance with the TDP and the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, has once again repeated the cent percent strike rate in Maharashtra polls as the Maha Yuti won all the constituencies covered by him as part of his poll campaign on November 16 and 17.

He covered 11 Assembly constituencies, including Deglur, Bhokar, Solapur Central, Solapur North, Solapur South, Ballarpur, Chandrapur, Pune Cantonment, Hadapsar and Kasba Peth and Nanded Lok Sabha segment. All the candidates supported by the JSP chief emerged victorious in the elections. What is more interesting is that the BJP has registered its maiden victory in Deglur.

Expressing happiness over Pawan Kalyan repeating the 100% strike rate in Maharashtra elections, JSP official spokesperson Bolisetty Satyanarayana said the Maha Yuti emerged victorious in all the constituencies covered by the party chief. Speaking to TNIE, Bolisetty said going by the response from the public to the roadshows and meetings addressed by Pawan Kalyan in Maharashtra, the NDA leadership requested him to allot some more days for electioneering.

After the election results, the NDA leadership profusely thanked Pawan Kalyan for ensuring the victory of Maha Yuti candidates in all the segments covered by the JSP chief as part of his electioneering.

Pawan Kalyan campaigned in the stronghold areas of Maharashtra former Chief Ministers Vilasrao Deshmukh and Ashok Chavan, and ensured the victory of the Maha Yuti candidates, Bolisetty said.

BJP candidate Devendra Rajesh Kothe, who won from Solapur, thanked the JSP chief for ensuring his victory. Congratulating Maha Yuti for the landslide victory.

Modi strengthened ties with Gulf: EAM

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar virtually participates in the India Foundation's Ideas Conclave | PTI

"PREVIOUS governments have neglected key regions like the Gulf, despite their importance to India's economy and diaspora. However, it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership which has ended decades of diplomatic inaction, transforming India's foreign policy," said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. He was speaking at the India Ideas Conclave in Bengaluru, on Saturday.

"For years, no Indian Prime Minister even visited some of these crucial countries. The Gulf, where millions of Indians live and which is vital for our energy security, was left on the sidelines," he said.

He also credited Modi with initiating a paradigm shift in India's foreign policy, particularly in strengthening ties with Gulf nations, all of which, except Kuwait, have seen improved relationships over the past decade. Jaishankar emphasised the landmark Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed with the UAE, which has expanded trade, investments, and job opportunities for Indians. He pointed out that India is now a preferred partner for Gulf countries, which house millions of Indian expatriates. Modi's visits to the Gulf, Jaishankar said, corrected decades of neglect and reinvigorated ties with a region central to India's interests.

The Union Minister acknowledged the nation's initial struggles to rebuild its institutions and capabilities after colonial rule. "Those early years, though marked by trial and error, laid the foundation for political stability, economic momentum, and social optimism, he said and argued that it is in the past decade that India has truly embraced its potential.

"From being seen as a difficult place to do business with, India is now recognised globally, for its large-scale infrastructure projects—airports, highways, metros—and its seamless adoption of digital technologies like UPI and India Stack, which have revolutionised governance," he said and lauded the 'Make in India' initiative, describing it as a strategic move to reduce dependence on imports and enhance national security.

The country, in the last decade, has engaged across platforms such as the Quad, BRICS, and the Global South while managing relations with nations as diverse as Israel and Iran.

ARTISTIC ENSEMBLE

A procession was taken out as part of Ayyappan Vilakku celebration in Kochi on Saturday | TP SOORAJ

EXPRESS READ

Heavy rain expected in TN delta for next 3 days

CHENNAI: A new low pressure area formed over East Equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal is expected to bring rain to the delta regionof Tamil Nadu from November 25 to 28. Heavy rain is likely in Chennai on November 27 and 28 when the depression is expected to move closer to the Tamil Nadu-Sri Lanka coast. The RMC has issued an orange alert forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall in isolated districts in the delta, and Chennai's surrounding districts from November 25 to 28.

Month-old baby abducted from hospital in Hyd

Hyderabad: A one-month old baby was kidnapped by an unknown person from Niloufer Hospital on Saturday. The parents, Hasina Begum and Gafar from Zaheerabad had brought their baby for treatment of jaundice. The baby was admitted for over three weeks. On Saturday, after the baby was discharged, the family was at the reception counter when an unknown woman took the baby from the mother and disappeared. The parents searched the hospital and its vicinity but did not find the baby, and lodged a complaint with Nampally police.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
KALYANANAGAR-II Branch
No.248, Ground Floor, 10th Main, Outer Ring Road, 1st Block Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical (Strike whichever is not applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Kalyananagar-II Branch, Bangalore** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **24.12.2024,** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE: 24.12.2024

Borrower(s): Sri. B Anjanappa Girish (Borrower and Mortgagor) S/o Anjanappa, No 387, 19th Main Road, 1st Block, Raajaji Nagar, Bengaluru 560010.

Total liabilities: Rs.3,46,166.23 (Rupees Three lakh Forty Six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six & Twenty Three Paisa Only) as on **22.11.2024** plus further interest **@ 10.70% pa** compounded monthly from **23.11.2024.**

Reserve Price: Rs.9,10,000/-. EMD: Rs.91,000/-. Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **23.12.2024 up to 4.00 PM.**

Description of the Immovable Assests: All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.B29-304, With super Built up area of 361.85 sq ft, 3rd Floor, Block-29, Alur Phase-1, Dasanpura Hobli, Huskur Main Road, Bangalore North Taluk-562123. Boundaries of the property: East: Alur Block 29/303, West: Alur Block 29/305, North: Alur Block 29/301, South: Passage.

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link **"E-Auction"** provided in Canara Bank's website: **www.canarabank.com** or may contact **Canara Bank, Mr. Nagaraja Reddy.B, Authorized Officer, Regional Office North, Canara Bank, (Ph.No 6366371373); email id roblrnrec@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Ebkray), Contact: 8291220220, email: https://ebkray.in/** during office hours on any working day.

Date : 23.11.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule –8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **12.07.2024** calling upon the borrower **(1) Smt Parvathi K, (2) Sri Kemparaju M C, (3) Sri Supreeth K, All are residing at:** # 475, Sankalpa, 6th A Cross, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Bangalore-560091. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.59,32,379/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) as on **30.06.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **22nd day of November 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari 3rd Stage Branch, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs.60,78,724/-** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on **31.10.2024** plus interest from **01.11.2024** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing assessment No.40, Khatha No.40 now falling under BBMP limits, Srigandhadakaval, Byannapalya, Hanumanthanagara, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West on Northern side 60 Feet and Southern side 16 feet and North to South on Eastern side 149 Feet and on the Western side 144 Feet in all measuring 5567 Sq Ft with building there on and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: R H S Society Property, North by: D Group Employees Layout, South by: R H S Society Property.

Date : 22.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd**

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga-577501
Email : zped.cta@gmail.com Office phone no: 08194-222372
No:EE/PRED/CTA/TEND/2024-25/2059 Date:21.11.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Pachayath Raj Engineering Division, chitradurga has invites Supply of materials tender standard document KG-1 under MGNREGA for the year 2023-24 for 20 works for the Estimated Cost Minimum Rs. 2.33 lakhs Maximum 88.93 lakhs Total Rs:253.80 Lakhs. Further information obtained from the office during the office hours or any quarries contact (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or KPPP Helpdesk Phone No: tel:+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or office Telephone no. 08194-222372 at office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga as dates below:-
(1) Last Date for information any quarries Date: 26.11.2024: Time: 11.00 **(2)** Last Date for Submitting the tender Date: 27.11.2024: Time: 16.00 **(3)** Last Date of Opening the Technical Bid Date: 28.11.2024: Time: 16.01 **(4)** Last Date of Opening the Financial Bid Date: 29.11.2024: Time: 16.02
Bi Further any quarries for tender contact (support@eprochelpdesk.com) or KPPP Helpdesk Phone No: tel:+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or Phone no.08194-222372 or Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Chitradurga in office hours.

RO.No.390:DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2024-25 **Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office West
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055.

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Ramasandra Branch, Bengaluru,** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:
As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **29.07.2024,**to the borrower **(1) Sri.Kemparaju. R, (2) Smt. Asharani. B** D/o Sri. Bettaswamy, (Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor), the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs.10,42,310.02** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Ten and Paisa Two Only) and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.
Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken Symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **08.11.2024.** Further, the said Symbolic possession notice was duly published in **Kannada Prabha and The New Indian Express on 12.11.2024.**
To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **of Rs.10,42,310.02** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Ten and Paisa Two Only) as on **28.07.2024,** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.
As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.
This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 23.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kabini Reservoir Division, Kabini Colony, H.D Kote Tq.

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
No: 06/2024-25 Dated: 15-11-2024

Item rate tender is invited through Karnataka public procurement portal on behalf of Managing Director, CNNL., Bangalore, from eligible contractors registered in KPWD for below mentioned work. Name of the work: **"Package-3 Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Training and Maintenance of Instrumentation of Taraka Dam in Mysore District of Karnataka state under DRIP-II -World Bank Aided". Amount put to tender- 153.72 lakhs, EMD- 1.54 Lakhs.** Last date and time for submission of tender-30-11-2024 upto 16:00 hrs, the technical bids of the tenders will be opened on 02-12-2024. at 11:00 hrs. For more information, please contact this office during office hours or visit website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Kabini Reservoir Division
Kabini colony

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
REGIONAL OFFICE WEST,
Chitrapur Bhavan, 8th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-55

NOTICE FOR EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTION 13 (8) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE ACT").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Malleshwaram 5th Cross Branch, Bengaluru,** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:
As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **30.08.2024,** to the borrower **1) M/s. Shakthi Printech, Represented by its proprietor, Sri. Saravanan. V. N, 2) Sri. Saravanan. V. N.** S/o Sri. Narayanamurthy. V, **3) Smt. S. Damayanthi** W/o Sri. Saravanan. V. N, **4) Sri. Narayanamurthy. V,** and **5) Ms. J. N. Vijaya** W/o Sri. Narayanamurthy. V, **(name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor),** the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 1,99,34,990/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Only)** and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.
Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **11.11.2024** Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in **Kannada Prabha and The New Indian Express on 13.11.2024.**
To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs.1,99,34,990/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Only)** as on **30.08.2024** plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets: By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or By inviting tenders from the public; or. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or. By private treaty.
As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.
This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

Date : 23.11.2024 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

QuoteExpress **IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE** › NELSON MANDELA

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
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APPENDIX – IV {Rule-8(1)} POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Where as

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 20.07.2024 Calling upon the borrower/s

1. **M/s Shivakumar Fuels (Borrower)** No. 183/2B2, Unisentham, Near Pattur Bus Stand, Thally Po, Denkanikotta Tk, Krishnagiri 635118.
2. **Mr S Muniraju (Proprietor/Mortgagor)** S/o Mr Sampangiyappa, No.1/13A, Gopasandiram, Kottamadugu, Denkanikottai, Krishnagiri 635118
2. **Mr Srinivasan (Guarantor)** S/o Mr Sampangiyappa, No. 1/13, Gopachandram, Kottamadagu, Thally, Denkanikotta, Krishnagiri 635118

with our Hosur Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 31,17,850/- (Rupees Thirty-one lakh seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **22nd day of November of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 32,76,784/- (Rupees Thirty-two Lakh Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four only)** as on 21.11.2024 and interest thereon to be calculated from 22.11.2024 and other charges.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities"

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property -1:

All that piece and parcel of the property situated at Banashankari 6th stage, 9th block, Site No: 962, measuring East to West – 9 meters, North to South – 6 meters totally measuring 54 square meters land and bounded as follows: East: Site No.949 West: Road, North: Site No.961, South: Site No.963, In the midst above said land

Property -2:

Schedule 'A' property

All that piece and parcel of lands comprised in S No.2/2, S No.3, S No.4/1, S No.4/2, S No.5, S No.6, S No.7 situated at Yelahanka Amanikere village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and S No. 17/1A, Venkatala village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk totally measuring an extent of 8 acres 7 guntas.

Bounded as follows: East by: Private property bearing S No.30/1 of Venkatala and Road, West by: Yelahanka village boundary, North by: S No. 2/1 of Yelahanka Amanikere, South by: S No.8 of Yelahanka Amanikere

Schedule 'B' property

381.92 square feet of undivided share in the land out of 29025.92 square feet of land comprised of in S No.2/2, S No.3, S No.4/1, S No.4/2, S No.5, S No.6, S No.7 situated at Yelahanka Amanikere village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and S No. 17/1A, Venkatala village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and approved by the Bangalore development authority within the administrative jurisdiction of the Yelahanka town municipality together with a residential apartment bearing No.222, Block No.B-2 in the ground floor in the residential complex known as " KENDRIYA VIHAR" measuring 946.02 square feet of super built area and the building is of RCC Roofing, Brick wall with cement , sal wood windows and frames with flush doors, mosaic flooring and together with separate electricity, common water, sanitation and including all easementary rights, title, interest, privileges, and appurtenances thereto excluding the common area property / amenities, together with a car parking slot bearing No. CS-75 under Block B-2, in the ground floor of the apartment and the building constructed in the year 2001-02.

Date: 22.11.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Hosur **(Indian Bank)**

"Despite influences, Maharashtra and its people had remained distinct from their neighbours. They were united by a tongue with few variations between the high and the low

Anil Seal

MAHA MANDATE: SOPS SUCCESS AND SURGE OF POPULISM

THE THIRD EYE

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THE turnaround of the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra has few parallels in political history and can only be compared with a legendary triumph in cricket. In June 1983, in a World Cup match against Zimbabwe, India was reeling at 17 for 5 when skipper Kapil Dev stepped in. At the end of the match, Kapil was unbeaten at 175 and India won the match scoring 266.

The BJP's tally on its own, at 132, is more than twice that of the opposition, and the tally of Eknath Shinde Shiv Sena, at 57, is more than that of the three constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi. To appreciate the magnitude of the victory travel back in time. In the Lok Sabha polls in June 2024, the Mahayuti alliance was totally outwitted 30:17—translating to 127 and 153 in assembly segments—by the Maha Vikas Aghadi.

The Mahayuti alliance faced a huge challenge to rediscover their mojo, retool their product and relaunch the brand to woo back voters. The electoral landscape of Maharashtra across the six major regions is defined by a common context. Almost every segment of social and economic class is raging on grievances—from agitations for quotas to prices of essentials to unemployment and agricultural distress.

The foundation for the revival of fortunes was laid about 90 days before the polls. On August 17, the Shinde-led Mahayuti regime launched the Ladki Bahin (beloved sister) scheme promising cash transfer of ₹1,500 a month—hiked to ₹2,100, and to be doubled to ₹3,000 when re-elected—to 22 million eligible women across the state. Unsurprisingly, women voter turnout surged on November 20 from 59 to 62 percent.

The Ladki Bahin scheme has been dubbed the X factor, or the algebraic concept of a single unknown. Fact is, the efficacy of X factor is known. Given that the idea has delivered in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and elsewhere, there was no reason it would not deliver in Maharashtra. The idea has bailed out parties across states—including in Jharkhand, which deployed the Maiya Samman Yojana. Effectively, those at the bottom of the pyramid are willing to vote and encash what is offered here and now.

And Ladki Bahin was not the only sop unveiled by the Shinde regime. In the run-up to the polls, the government announced zero-bill electricity for farmers, free bus rides, a cash allowance of ₹50 per cow for desi cows, increased salaries for madrasa teachers, ₹10,000 to students, ₹15,000 for farmers and other sops.

The question, this column observed last week, was whether the raft of populist sops—led by the Ladki Bahin cash transfer scheme—and the election management capabilities of the BJP-led alliance could counter the voter angst and anger. Turns out that the Mahayuti alliance leveraged its legendary election management capability in concert with the RSS to harvest returns from the sops.

Beyond mandates, the sops culture has fiscal implications. Already, Maharashtra has outstanding liabilities of over ₹7.11 lakh crore, costing the state ₹48,578 crore, or ₹133 crore a day, in interest payments. Neighbouring Karnataka—a pioneer of such guarantees where the state spends ₹65,000 crore on its five assured schemes—has outstanding liabilities of ₹5.35 lakh crore and interest payments of over ₹36,000 crore.

Cash transfer schemes for women are now prevalent in over 10 states—including in Karnataka, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha and West Bengal. The schemes are estimated to cost the states between 3 and 11 percent of their revenues and add up to over ₹2 lakh crore by some estimates. The combination of Aadhaar-based direct benefit transfers and the predictability of revenues accruing from GST collections has made it easy for the states to switch on schemes.

The expansion of electoral sops raises questions of systemic risks. There is the moral hazard that parties fail to address real issues and combat anti-incumbency sentiments with sops. There is also the question of sustainability of such expenditure. RBI data shows that the outstanding liability of states has shot up to ₹83.32 lakh crore, up from ₹74.96 lakh crore last year. State governments are ramping up revenue expenditure and shrinking allocation on critical sectors such as health and education.

There is no disputing that the sops—whether PM Kisan, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana or Ladki Bahin—are much-needed salve for distressed sections of the society at the bottom of the income and social pyramid. The need for support is riveted by the confluence of agricultural distress, youth unemployment and rising cost of living. In a sense, the surge in electoral sops is propelled by existential challenges faced by struggling folks and by political parties facing outrage.

The circumstance—the nationalisation of costs and harvest of political benefits—calls for a review of the umbrella of welfare spending by the Union and state governments. Indeed, it is imperative that the 16th Finance Commission looks at the landscape of sops before submitting its recommendations. Ideally, the data should be provided annually in the budget or reported by the Niti Aayog. The Supreme Court, which is hearing a PIL on freebies, could call for the information. India's taxpayers surely deserve to know what is being spent, on what, by whom.

THE CLOCK STRIKES SAFFRON, AGAIN

OPINION

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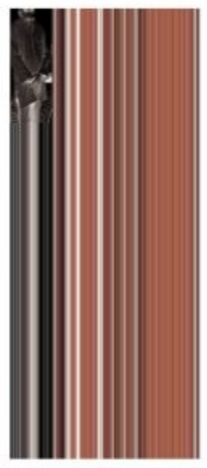

ANI

A GAP had opened up in India's polity this summer. It was after a decade that political strands contrary to the reigning one had found space for articulation. With two saffron sweeps in succession, first in Haryana and now with a tsunamic victory in Maharashtra, that gap has been closed emphatically. Both states exhibited a strong 'recoil' effect, almost a hypercorrection of the way they voted during the Lok Sabha election.

A similar reversal of pattern also made itself felt in Jharkhand, though going in the other direction and offering cold comfort to the Congress-led INDIA bloc. It would be a travesty to reduce the tribal state, with its own identity and internal specificities, as a meagre consolation prize. But in the grand scheme of things, against the sheer weight of India's richest state on the western coast, it will be read as the exception that proves the rule.

What is that rule? That the sum total of the BJP machinery, when it plays to form, easily attains the unstoppable and all-conquering momentum of a juggernaut. And the Congress caravan, when *it* runs to form, finds it difficult to hold even a straight line at a sustained speed. Psychologically, it seems to behave like an ADHD patient, moving in sporadic bursts, then relaxing its vigil, becoming easily satisfied at transient markers, starting to relish its chicken kolhapuri before it is cooked. As a combat unit, it often appears to be like an artist drafted hurriedly into a war it would have rather dodged: it jaywalks like a window-shopper, almost disinterestedly, stopping to watch its own reflection in the glass pane.

Even if the portraiture is unfair, it would appear as if the BJP fought in Maharashtra, the JMM fought in Jharkhand, and the Congress fought in Wayanad! Priyanka Gandhi's 4 lakh victory margin eclipses even her brother Rahul's but pales when you consider the big picture. Here you had the BJP fighting as if to secure its very future, Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his wife Kalpana resolutely holding out for Adivasi autonomy and pride, and the Grand Old Party in geriatric self-dissolution. Look at the numbers. Together, INDIA has won six seats less in the 288-strong Maharastra assembly than it did in the 81-seat Jharkhand house! It won less than a quarter of the seats the BJP combo pocketed. It's a wipeout of such a scale as to have never been registered in Maharashtra's 70-year political history.

Any number of explanatory factors can be advanced in hindsight. One, a crippling lack of cohesion within the Maha Vikas Aghadi, flowing down from the layers of leadership to the cadre and voter base, turning ticket distribution into a game of mutually assured destruction and thus blocking vote transfer. The Mahayuti, by contrast, accomplished near-magical levels of synergy in vote transfer. What else can explain the incredulous scenario that has come to pass: a big tree like Sharad Pawar falling to 10 seats in his emotional sunset battle, and his prodigal nephew Ajit Pawar, who has not often been accused of being the darling of the masses, walking off with 41 seats with his breakaway NCP.

Two, caste identity-based mobilisation can work in a complex cross-pollination with Hindutva, rather than always hindering or negating it, as the simplistic reading would have it. It's not yet fully clear who introduced the element in the shape of Manoj Jarange Patil, a pixie-like figure that came, roiled up the scene with a demand for Maratha quotas, and mysteriously vanished into the blue. Perhaps it was Sharad Pawar, as suggestions of past fealty would indicate. Perhaps it was Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who needed to build a robust and viable base independent of the BJP (even as he swam with them).

At any rate, with his benevolent caste patron-like moves, Shinde seems to have walked away with the Maratha votes. Forget his competition with Uddhav Thackeray, his tally of 57 seats is individually higher than even that of the Congress, Sena (UBT), NCP (SCP) MVA trio put together! As the one man who has organically grown in stature in terms of political craftsmanship in the last two years, he looks set to complete the journey from a stopgap CM installed by others to one who has created his own hypersonic ballistics.

Something else was created in the wake of the Maratha agitation. A non-Maratha OBC consolidation, veering back to the BJP in a revival of its old 'Madhav' formula. The Mali, Dhangar and Vanjari communities have a combined population that easily exceeds 25 percent of the state's total. Add to this the Kunbis, the antagonised caste brethren of the Marathas with existing reservations, and the rest of the OBC spectrum, and one is talking of nearly 40 per cent of the electorate. Lay the Hindutva rhetoric '*batenge toh katenge*' on top of this as a catalysing 'co-factor' rather than an unconnected or even opposing one.

The final pieces in the puzzle are the Dalit and Muslim votes. Rather than cohering as they did in summer against the BJP, they scattered and dissipated their energies. The Congress, repeating its caste census catechism almost roboticallly with no feel for the ground nuance, also lost the chance to play up livelihood issues, the only real opposing factor with universal relevance. The mitigation on that front, as it happened, was equally universal. Simply pair the Ladki Bahin Yojana with the surge in women's franchise from 59.26 percent to 65.21 percent. Add to this a tactical closing of ranks between the RSS top brass and the BJP, leading to active frontline work and booth management, and read that alongside the 4 percent surge in overall turnout.

Do not also discount the plethora of alliance-agnostic rebels and small parties confounding the field, especially the Vanchit Bahujan Party of Prakash Ambedkar. His words, "We will choose power", adds a pithy summation of one line of Dalit politics that resists easy cooption into the Congress's new emancipatory fold. Paradoxically, it's only in Jharkhand that INDIA's portrayal of itself as a pro-people political umbrella succeeded, the very place where that umbrella had failed to open during the Lok Sabha election. Jharkhand is fairly complex in terms of its social composition and its interrelations but regionally far more homogenous than Maharashtra, and the Sorens have found a hard-won redemption.

Even election results with such a ring of finality do not abolish the open-endedness of politics. Will the Thackerays survive as a political currency? The Pawars? Has Devendra Fadnavis ring-fenced himself against diminution? How will the RSS-BJP negotiation on the next party chief pan out? Will the Congress still stay hands-off from the EVM debate, as it did after Haryana, when its MVA allies show no compunction in raising it? But the meta truths will get constructed from an aggregation of chaotic facts and stand over all else, whether you read it in terms of personalities or of parties and ideologies.

HOW A QUEEN BECAME A GODDESS

OPINION

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WHEN the founder of the Draupadi Dream Trust visited Chennai, she was shocked to learn of the many Draupadi temples in the south. Neither in Kampilya, where Draupadi was born, nor elsewhere in Uttar Pradesh and Nepal are there temples for this redoubtable wife of the Pandavas. But in the south, Draupadi is the *kuladeivam* of families and entire villages. There is a Draupadi Amman temple on my street.

How did this north Indian queen become a goddess feted at festivals in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and even Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius, Reunion and South Africa—wherever the south Indian diaspora lives? Such Draupadi festivals invariably involve fire-walking, for legend says she was born out of fire when father Drupad conducted yagna asking for a child.

Megasthenes, an ambassador of Alexander's general Seleucus I Nicator, says in *Indica* that Heracles, as the Greeks called Krishna, "was held in special honour by the Sourasenoi (Saurasena), an Indian tribe who possess two large cities, Methora (Mathura) and Cleisobora... He had numerous male children, but only one daughter, Pandaia... To her Heracles assigned that portion of India which lies southwards and extends to the sea".

The Greeks identified Heracles with Krishna probably because of the adventures of the two heroes. The *Vishnu Purana* says Krishna killed demon Panchajana, who lived in a sea shell, and made his conch from Panchajana's bones, naming it Panchajanya.

Megasthenes adds that Heracles "found in the sea an ornament for women... the sea pearl... caused it to be brought from the sea into India, so that he might adorn with it his daughter". It can be noted here that Pandyanadu, whose capital was Madurai, was famed for its pearl fisheries.

Heracles was worshipped in the plains, says Megasthenes. In the Tamil tradition of *aindu tinai* or five ecological divisions of land, *mullai* is pasture land in the plains and presided over by Krishna. The inhabitants were the *aayar* or herdsmen. Further, "a large mound near Chingleput is surrounded by a number of megalithic graves believed to have been inhabited by the bearded race of Pandayar... the graves are known as Pandu houses". However, British scholar Horace Wilson says an adventurer named Pandaya was the first to settle there, and that the land was named after him.

Did the Pandaia queen replicate Mathura in the south and make her ancestor Draupadi into a goddess? Mathura becomes Madura when written in Tamil. In the Tamil epic *Manimekalai*, the heroine refers to Madurai as *Takkana* (*dakshina* or southern) Madurai.

Legend and history collide in the story of Draupadi becoming a goddess in south India. Placing Madurai as the southern Mathura was clear. But the northern queen's transformation into a deity was more nuanced

Pandya kings of the Tamil Sangam claimed descent from the Pandavas, according to the *Silappadigaram* and *Puranaanuru*. Vaishnava Alvars referred to Krishna's Mathura as *Vada* (northern) Madurai.

There are other ways the links can be plotted. According to Greek geographer Ptolemy, Madurai was Madoura, the royal city of 'Pandions' (Pandyas), and Mathura was also Madoura, a city of gods. Robert Caldwell, the renowned scholar of Dravidian linguistics, affirms that Madurai was named after Mathura. Grammarian Katyayana says Pandya is derived from Pandu.

That the Pandyas hosted the Tamil Sangam or literary conferences is mentioned by the Greeks, Romans and Ashoka from the 4th century BCE. They are celebrated in Sangam literature, coins and inscriptions. Some links are yet to be clearly established. The emblem of the Pandyas was the fish—was it in memory of the fish shot by Arjuna during Draupadi's *swayamvara*?

In 1921, the India-born Henry Whitehead described Draupadi Amman as a benevolent deity, wife of a rishi in a previous birth. Yet, the goddess remains a mystery. Legend and history collide in the story of how Draupadi became a goddess in south India.

Draupadi's name is also associated with the Rajput king Desingh, called Gingee Rajan, who built the Gingee fort in South Arcot district. A 1961 survey counted 38 Draupadi Amman temples in the South Arcot district alone.

Several temples around Gingee and farther south were built with a handful of soil from Gingee to commence the construction. It was said that if a Draupadi Amman temple was to be built, clay from Gingee was always brought before the construction began.

Draupadi is a legend in north India—but she and her friend Krishna's Mathura live on in the south, too.

QUOTE CORNER

We cannot allow, in a way that is akin to *Clockwork Orange*, that the live-streamed genocide and its associated apathy desensitise us to the violence, normalise the oppression, dissociate us from its moral failure, or to legitimise the illegitimate. We cannot allow it to 'clockwork' us into a conditioned acceptance of the unthinkable.

Francesca Albanese, UN special rapporteur on Palestine, at a lecture in the School of Oriental and African Studies, London

[Putin] later said to me: 'You won't be chancellor forever. And then [Ukraine] will become a member of NATO. I want to prevent that.'

Angela Merkel, former German chancellor, in her forthcoming memoir titled *Freedom: Memories, 1954-2021*

Messi will come, everything will be solved.

Ashique Kuruniyan, footballer for India and Mohun Bagan, talking sarcastically about Kerala trying to paper over sporting deficiencies by bringing Messi to the state for a match

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Hatred vaccine

Ref: *Rediscovering the essence of humanity* (Nov 23). The thought-provoking article has focused on the need of a vaccine for hatred at this critical hour, when younger generations are seriously concerned about endless wars and unrest all over the world. Vivekananda said utilitarian theories can only work under certain social conditions; beyond that they have no value. But moral and ethical conduct derived from spirituality can serve for an eternity.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Lofty thoughts

In 1994, scientist Satish Dhawan wrote to me, "People can learn from the sayings of Buddha, Socrates, Einstein etc. In the final analysis, each individual has to live his or her own life." The housefly meanders onto its target. Similarly, if one looks at high thoughts, it may be possible to land as desired.

A Rajakumar, email

Lending credibility

Ref: *Stickiness of shame in the US and India* (Nov 23). In light of his indictment by the US department of justice, it is a moral imperative for the Modi dispensation to order a comprehensive probe into the corrupt practices and wrongdoings of Gautam Adani and his associates. Even mere willingness to investigate a company's alleged wrongdoings will lend the central government credibility against the charge of acting on vested interests.

S Balu, Madurai

Congress momentum

The impressive victory of BJP in one of the biggest states and the financial capital confirms the people's faith in the leadership of Modi and in BJP's policies. Now it is for the BJP to select a good CM and ministers who can give a clean and efficient administration. Congress's momentum in the Lok Sabha elections has petered out, as the Uttar Pradesh byelections show. It calls for a change in the Congress leadership.

P G Moorthy, Thiruvananthapuram

RSS mobilisation

Kudos to BJP and its allies for their landslide victory in Maharashtra. The higher turnout made the difference. It is believed that the RSS had a major role to play in mobilising the populace for voting at these elections. It's a good augury for the BJP that the big state of Maharashtra is in its kitty.

S K Ramesh, Ballari

Crypto counsel

Thanks to the Maharashtra elections, we have become wiser about crypto. The amount of national media coverage on the crypto shenanigans of the Maharashtra Chanakya's daughter has helped us understand the virtues of this digital currency. We can probably go to her for further education on the currency. Thanks to the MP.

C K Ramani, Tiruchirappalli

Accept verdict

Notwithstanding JMM's win in Jharkhand, the results in Maharashtra and byelections elsewhere reveal that INDIA is unable to defeat NDA in most places. It is absurd for opposition politicians to blame EVMs—in that case, the victory of JMM should also be doubted. Accept the people's verdict with magnanimity instead of talking petty.

V S Ganeshan, Bengaluru

Medical negligence

Ref: *'Dead' man comes alive only to die again* (Nov 23). A mistaken death declaration nearly led to a 25-year-old's cremation, exposing India's serious medical negligence. Improved training, infrastructure and accountability are urgently needed. The suspension of three doctors is just the start. Quality healthcare is essential to prevent such tragedies.

Aswathi K, Kannur

Bumrah blaster

Ref: *Bumrah casts spell on NZ* (Nov 23). Jasprit Bumrah's strong performance in the first Test against Australia, along with Harshit Rana and Mohammad Siraj, is a game-changer. His haul led to a remarkable comeback and energised the series.

Aswathi K, Pazhayangadi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Chetan Bhagat @chetan_bhagat
What a crushing knockout defeat for the MVA in Maharashtra. Sometimes the BJP doesn't just defeat its opponent, it really takes away their souls.

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
Just 5 months ago, when BJP fought in the name of Modi, Maharashtra rejected the party. And now it gets 132 out of 148 seats. Is Fadnavis more popular than Modi? Or is the electoral process questionable?

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The parties of India Alliance have won elections and by-elections in all states where there was no BJP govt and there was no scope for its 'scam politics'.

MAHAYUTI CRACKS MAHA PUZZLE

PLUSES OF MAHAYUTI

Cohesive strategy
It targeted voter outreach, and effective campaigning, along with the highly successful 'Ladki Bahin' scheme and well-coordinated messaging

Managing rebels
Results show the ruling alliance kept a handle on dozens of rebels

RSS factor
The grassroots army of RSS fanned across the state and helped carry the ruling combine's message

A BJP supporter wears 'lotus' in her ears to celebrate NDA win | PTI

MEGA SOPS

Ladki Bahin Yojana: Initial allocation for the scheme raised to ₹45K cr from ₹10K cr. Around 2.5 crore eligible women received ₹7,500 each in 5 months after the scheme

Ladla Bhai Yojana: Stipends to youths who cleared Class XII. This ranged from ₹6K per month to ₹10K per month

Teerth Darshan Yojana: A pilgrimage scheme for senior citizens from all religions. It provides one-time aid to senior citizens to visit holy sites outside the state

Toll-free entry: For light motor vehicles entering Mumbai at all five booths

JHARKHAND JIGSAW

STRENGTHS OF JMM

1. Sympathy factor stemming from arrest and prison term of JMM chief Hemant Soren by ED triggered tribal sentiments
   - Pivoting its campaigning on several welfare schemes especially the **Maiyan Samman Yojna**
   - JMM-led coalition's demand for including Sarna as separate religion
2. Cornering BJP's high-decibel campaign on 1932-land records based domicile policy
3. Strong support by women voters as **68** out of **81** seats recorded a higher women turnout

WEAKNESSES OF BJP

1. BJP's 'ghuspaitiye' narrative failed to enthuse voters
2. JMM-led coalition blamed BJP for political crisis after arrest of Hemant Soren in land scam
   - His wife Kalpana joined the JMM and won Gandey byelection
   - Lack of coordination among leaders.
3. Its tribal faces failed to draw votes of the community.
4. Banking on old horses such as Babulal Marandi, Arjun Munda

Victory of good governance, says PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday described the Maharashtra mandate for the NDA as a victory of "development, good governance and social justice." Speaking after a landslide for the BJP and its allies in MahaYuti at the party headquarters, he said mandate in Maharashtra has put a seal of approval for the BJP's governance model, saying that when it came to 'sushasan" (good governance), people trust only in BJP and NDA.

Describing Maharashtra results as a defeat of lies, Modi said: "Divisive, negative and dynastic politics has been defeated," adding that Congress attempts to divide the society in the names of caste, religions and regions have failed.

"Internal disgruntlement within the Congress is growing as why only a single family is allowed to lead the party. No dedicated worker wants to work in Congress. The Congress is a party that serves only a family, not the people of the country," Modi said. "The party that doesn't treat the people as a priority becomes a danger to democracy," he said. "India faces a challenge of urban naxals belonging to Congress. We all have to remain alert and cautious against Congress designs," he added.

The PM also called Congress 'parjivi'' (parasite) which is unable to form a government in its own in states. On Waqf Board, he said the Congress created it as an arrangement for appeasement to grow its vote bank. He alleged that Congress in Delhi handed out many properties to Waqf Board, destroying the essence of social justice.

"There was a time when Indira Gandhi spoke against casteism. Now the same Congress and its family is spreading poison of casteism. They have throttled social justice in the country," he said.

Speaking about the results, he said, "Maharashtra is the sixth state in the country that has given mandate to the BJP, a third time after Goa, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and, MP. In Bihar too, people have given mandate to NDA for a third time. This is the people's trust in our 'sushasan' and we do everything to keep the people's trust in us," he said.

He said that Maharashtra is a growth engine. "The state will be the foundation for Viksit-Bharat and also become a basis of realisation of the resolve of Viksit Bharat, Modi said.

"Congress had the opportunity to serve Marathi language, but it did nothing. But our government gave the status of classical language to Marathi," he said.

He attacked the INDIA bloc, saying its allies continued to underestimate the wisdom of voters.

PM Modi during celebration of BJP's Maharashtra victory in New Delhi | SHEKHAR YADAV

'Jalebi' replaces 'ladoo' as BJP HQ decked up after Maha mandate

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

EVEN as the BJP-led alliance failed to wrest power from ruling JMM-led INDIA bloc in Jharkhand, the decisive victory in Maharashtra provided the reason for the saffron party to celebrate this in a big way, but not with traditional 'ladoos,' instead with 'jalebis'.

As the counting began in the morning and the trends started emerging, leaders at the BJP headquarters started preparing for mega celebrations with 'jalebis'. Traditionally, people celebrate by offering 'ladoos', but 'jalebis' took the centre stage. Videos circulating on social media show party workers preparing 'jalebis' at the headquarters in anticipation of Maharashtra win.

'Jalebi' fondness

Jalebi took a political turn last month during the Haryana assembly elections when Congress leader Rahul Gandhi made a statement about the Gohana jalebis during a campaign speech. Calling them delicious, he said he suggested to his sister Priyanka that the shop opened factories worldwide. The BJP pounced on the statement by reminding the Congress leader that jalebis were not made in factories. After Haryana polls, the BJP sent jalebis to Gandhi's residence.

Fadnavis stirs sugar syrup

On Saturday, visuals on social media showed a triumphant Maharashtra deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis cooking 'jalebis' at BJP office in Mumbai after the MahaYuti won the elections. He was surrounded by party workers. He chose to remain quiet when asked about the Haryana CM's promise of a mega jalebi celebration. Exuberant BJP workers had no time for the question as they watched Fadnavis stirring the sugar syrup for the jalebis dunked into it and waiting for their turn to grab a couple of them.

NAYANTHARA

A BATTLE BEYOND THE FAIRY TALE

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MANOAR PARDIKAR

TAMIL cinema was set ablaze earlier this week when actor Nayanthara accused Dhanush of withholding an NOC (no objection certificate) for using clips and videos from her film Naanum Rowdy Dhaan (2015) in her Netflix documentary, Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairy Tale. She alleged that he had sent a legal notice demanding ₹10 crore in compensation for three seconds of behind-the-scenes footage. Nayanthara called him out for what she termed a new 'low' and accused him of harbouring vengeance against her and her husband, whom she met during the making of the film that Dhanush had produced. Tamil cinema hadn't witnessed such a public showdown in a long time.

The controversy quickly went viral, introducing the internet to the term "schadenfreude," which fuelled a frenzy of memes and social media posts. Clips and interviews featuring the duo resurfaced, accompanied by sensational thumbnails and wild speculations threatening to tarnish both their reputations. Industry reactions were sharply divided — while Dhanush's former co-stars and some prominent figures stood by him, many leading women from the industry voiced their support for Nayanthara. Adding fuel to the fire, director-producer SS Kumaran issued a letter the same day, alleging that the title of Vignesh Shivan's upcoming film LIC (now titled LIK) was registered without his permission, claiming it had originally belonged to him.

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This isn't the first time Nayanthara has found herself at the centre of a controversy. The actor, who debuted as Diana Mariam Kurian in the Malayalam film Manassinakkare (2003) as a teenager, rose to fame with her performances in films like Natturajavu (2004) and Vismayathumbathu (2004) opposite Mohanlal. However, her early days weren't without challenges—she has spoken openly about being fat-shamed for her role and songs in the Tamil blockbuster Ghajini (2008) with Suriya, and about facing trolling for her bold fashion choices in Ajith's Billa (2007). Despite these setbacks, Nayanthara built a stellar career in the South Indian film industry, navigating professional hurdles and personal relationships with remarkable tenacity. Even during the protests surrounding her role in Sri Rama Rajyam (2011), she marched forward, transitioning from being a leading pair to a leading actor. Her performances in films like Maya, Aramm, Kolamaavu Kokila, and Imaikaa Nodigal cemented her status as the "Lady Superstar," inspiring thousands of women to chase success on their terms.

Meanwhile, a response from Dhanush regarding the controversy remains awaited. However, his legal team has stood firm, and Nayanthara has shown no signs of stepping back either. In what some have interpreted as a subtle "declaration of war," she announced her next film Rakkayie with a striking poster. The teaser, featuring her armed with a sickle and chilli powder tied to her saree, depicts her battling goons to protect her child—a fierce metaphor that aligns with her public persona. The teaser was accompanied by clips from her documentary, which celebrities lauded for portraying her as a "thug" who cannot be intimidated in a male-dominated industry.

The controversy has also added a layer of intrigue to Beyond the Fairy Tale. Shortly after the documentary's release, Nayanthara took a pointed jab at Dhanush in a three-page letter thanking her co-stars, producers, and industry veterans for granting NOCs "without hesitation or delay." The document was widely seen as a dig at the ongoing dispute. Navigating such feuds in public can feel like walking on eggshells, as evidenced by viral photos from a recent wedding showing subtle tension between the two actors. Interestingly, much of the commentary focused on Nayanthara's crossed-leg posture, calling out her "attitude"—a prime example of how women often face judgment for asserting boundaries.

Dhanush, on the other hand, has maintained his upward trajectory in cinema, with over fifty films to his name and more on the horizon. Yet, as Nayanthara pointed out in her letter, the dynamics of public disputes often tilt in favor of actors like him who possess significant clout and resources. "Cinema is a fight for survival for people like me, who are self-made," she wrote. Vignesh Shivan also added fuel to the fire by sharing, and later deleting, an old clip of Dhanush saying, "Nobody likes it if another person is doing well in life. Live and let live"— a concept seemingly at odds with the current situation.

UP BJP workers celebrate victory in six seats during the bypolls, in Lucknow | PTI

BJP firms up grip on coalition politics

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

A spectacular victory in the Maharashtra Assembly elections has elevated the BJP morale that plummeted after the parliamentary polls a few months ago. The verdict is seen not only as a significant milestone in the state's political landscape but also as a powerful advantage to the party in national politics.

With a strike rate of almost 89%, the BJP has reinforced the impression that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charm remains intact. Equally strong is the belief in political circles that victories can be scored through sharp, dexterous moves characterised by party's chief strategist Amit Shah in conjunction with state's Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis.

"Maharashtra has brilliantly delivered a message, especially to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who continues to fan a fake narrative on caste census as part of his national politics," Vinod Tawde, the party general secretary and a prominent state leader, told this newspaper. "Rahul's divisive political agenda has been rejected in Maharashtra. This, in fact, reflects nationwide perception about Rahul's fake narrative on caste census," said Tawde.

The Maharashtra verdict, he said, has proved yet again that under PM Modi leadership, only politics of progress and development can change things, not fake narratives. "People want a kind of politics that can add to their prosperity not a division on the basis of castes," he said in an apparent reference to Rahul's persistent demand for a caste census.

"The results also show that the Maharashtra poll outcome will impact national politics too," said Tawde. An exuberant state party leader said the results would continue to resonate until 2029.

Senior member of the India Institute of Public Administration Dr RK Verma told this newspaper that the results have bolstered the position of the BJP within Maharashtra and outside. "The results' main impact is that Modi's leadership remains unchallenged in the NDA as well as within BJP," says Verma.

Regionally, the BJP-led MahaYuti has broadened its base in the state, indicating the party's growing influence over key regional players. "For the party, it serves as a clear message of its national dominance and overwhelming significance of PM Modi," said Dr Nikhil Anand, national general secretary of BJP's OBC Morcha.

"With Maharashtra being one of the largest states in the country, its support is crucial for the party's quest to retain power at the Centre in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections," said a senior party leader, adding that the MahaYuti performance reaffirms the BJP's ability to forge effective alliances and win over voters across various sections.

Maha poll drubbing a wake up call for Cong

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

STILL smarting from the shock defeat in Haryana, the near-wipeout in Maharashtra proved to be yet another punch for the Congress, which is struggling to keep afloat as a national force. While the resounding victory of the MahaYuti reinforced the BJP's dominance in the political landscape, the Congress again failed to lead a united fight against the saffron force.

Though Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said the party would analyse the "unexpected" Maharashtra results in detail, questions are being raised about its failure to adopt a coherent strategy and narrative. Observers attribute the disappointing performance of the party to Gandhi's focus on caste census and caste-based reservation, which failed to resonate with the electorates in Haryana and J&K. In Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the Congress was on a sticky wicket during seat talks with allies after losing Haryana to the BJP for the third straight time.

Observers say that losing a big state like Maharashtra after Haryana is likely to weaken the party's bargaining power in an era of coalition politics.

While the INDIA bloc registered an impressive victory in Jharkhand, the credit mostly went to Hemant Soren-led JMM which ran a spirited campaign. It will only add to the criticism that the grand old party plays second fiddle to strong regional players and it fails to grow in states where it faces the BJP. With the poor show in Maharashtra, the Congress strength in the Lok Sabha got reduced to 98 seats after it lost Nanded in the bypoll. With the defeat, the MVA stood to lose Rajya Sabha seats from the state.

The Congress which contested the highest number of seats among MVA allies, was winning or leading in only 16 seats with one of the lowest strike rates of 16%. The party also faced criticism for its limited campaigns in Maharashtra while its senior leaders invested more time in Wayanad, where Priyanka Gandhi made her electoral debut.

Rahul Gandhi will now be under pressure from within the INDIA grouping. Several alliance partners, including Uddhav Thackeray, Arvind Kejriwal and Omar Abdullah, have questioned the Congress for its Haryana defeat.

However, the Congress put up a brave face on Saturday asserting that its defeat in Maharashtra is part of a "targeted conspiracy" against the party. AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that it would stick to its narrative of Adani case, Manipur violence, weakening rupee and demand for a nationwide caste census and removal of 50% cap on reservation.

Bumpy road ahead for INDIA bloc

Knives are already out as INDIA allies raising questions on the performance of Congress, which is leading the bloc. CPI general secretary D Raja said that serious introspection by the INDIA bloc constituents is the need of the hour. CPM's Ashok Dhawale flagged the delay in finalising seat deal, not giving enough space to smaller parties among the reasons for the bloc's poor show.

...MEANWHILE, BYPOLL RESULTS

BJP-led NDA sweeps bypolls in UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, & Northeast, while ruling TMC and AAP score big in West Bengal and Punjab, respectively. A look...

BJP WINS 7 OF 9 SEATS IN UP

After facing a defeat in the recent Lok Sabha polls, the ruling BJP bounced back by sweeping the bypolls to nine assembly constituencies winning seven of them. The main opposition Samajwadi Party, led by Akhilesh Yadav, won just two seats conceding two from its kitty to the ruling party.

TMC supporters celebrate in West Medinipur | PTI

NDA SWEEPS NORTHEAST

NDA sweeping the region reinforces its strength after the 2024 LS elections, with the combine managing to breach Congress bastion Samaguri in Assam. Of the eight seats, five are in Assam, two in Sikkim and one in Meghalaya. In Meghalaya, CM Conrad K Sangma's wife wins Gambegre seat.

BIHAR JOLT TO INDIA BLOC

With assembly elections less than a year away, INDIA bloc suffered a major jolt when the ruling NDA won all four seats. While BJP won Ramgarh and Tarari, Belaganj and Imamganj were won by JD(U) and HAM, respectively. Jitan Ram Manjhi's daughter-in-law Deepa Manjhi won in Imamganj. Former poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party had a dismal entry in electoral politics, with the party failing to win any of the seats despite tall claims.

CLEAN SWEEP FOR TMC

The protests over the rape-murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar hospital failed to dent the electoral prospects of the TMC, with the ruling party fortifying its position with a clean sweep in all six assembly constituencies.

WINNING STREAK IN RAJ

- BJP continues its winning streak as the party emerged victorious in five out of the seven seats.
- The party had won **115** out of **200 seats** in the 2023 assembly election, unseating the Congress from power. Saturday's results signal a significant boost to the saffron party, especially for the debutant MLA and CM Bhajanlal Sharma, underscoring a shift in voter sentiment across key regions of the state.

BOOST TO AAP IN PUNJAB

The results came as a boost to the ruling AAP in Punjab, as it won three out of the four seats. The Congress bagged the fourth seat, while BJP drew a blank. AAP wrested Congress turfs of Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak, but lost its own stronghold Barnala to the main opposition party.

BATTLE OF TURNCOATS IN MP

In the twin bypolls, BJP retained Budhni seat, the bastion of Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, contested by his loyalist Ramakant Bhargava. The second seat — Vijaypur in the Gwalior-Chambal region — saw a battle of turncoats.

INDEPENDENTS

Two independent candidates won in the Maharashtra assembly polls on Saturday. Sharaddada Sonawane emerged victorious from Junnar seat in Pune district, while Shivaji Shattupa Patil won from Changad in Kolhapur. The outgoing assembly had 13 independent MLAs.

65% WOMEN

WOMEN CAST VOTES AGAINST 66.84% MEN IN MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	23	Mumbai	33	28
Bhopal	33	18	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	36	24	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	18	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	36	27	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	27	05	Chandigarh	35	19

WORST STRIKE RATES

Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP) at **11.6%** (Out of 86 fought)

Shiv Sena (UBT) **22%** (Against 95 contested)

HIGHEST STRIKE RATE

BJP with **88.6%** Out of 149 it contested)

VOTE SHARE AMONG MAHAYUTI

BJP: **26.46%**
Shiv Sena (Shinde) **12.47%**
NCP (Ajit): **9.35%**

AMONG MVA ALLIES

Congress: **11.89%**
NCP-SP: **11.25%**
Shiv Sena (UBT): **10.28%**
Others : **13.84%**

SAFFRON SURGE

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde with deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar | PTI

Ajit Pawar trumps nephew

Maharashtra deputy CM and NCP president Ajit Pawar on Saturday won from his traditional Baramati seat by defeating his nephew and NCP (SP) candidate Yugendra Pawar by more than 1 lakh votes.

Ex-Speaker's kin defeated

BJP's Archana Patil Chakurkar, daughter-in-law of former Lok Sabha speaker Shivraj Patil, was defeated by Congress MLA Amit Deshmukh, son of late CM Vilasrao Deshmukh, in Latur City.

I cannot believe Maharashtra will behave this way with me. There is certainly something fishy

Uddhav Thackeray, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief

Congress and other parties that claim to be in INDIA bloc should do serious introspection

D Raja, CPI general secretary

Future tense for Sharad, Uddhav

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

IT seems that Sharad Pawar's party, the NCP, faced significant challenges in the Assembly polls due to his failure to fulfill the promise of introducing fresh faces into the leadership and nurturing them, much like how Yashwantrao Chavan—Maharashtra's first chief minister—mentored him.

Buoyed by a massive victory in the recent Lok Sabha elections, Pawar had pledged to provide opportunities to younger candidates. However, in his own constituency of Baramati—first represented by him and later by his nephew, Ajit Pawar, since the 1960s—he chose to field his own 32-year-old grand-nephew, Yogendra Pawar, against his nephew and rival, Ajit Pawar, who is also the deputy chief minister.

But the people opted for the more experienced Ajit Pawar. In the Lok Sabha election for the Baramati seat, Ajit Pawar's wife, Sunetra Pawar, lost to Sharad Pawar's daughter, Supriya Sule, by 150,000 votes. In the assembly segment, she trailed by 48,000 votes. Notably, in the state elections, Ajit Pawar won against his grand-nephew Yogendra by a significant margin of 1,00,899 votes.

In the neighbouring state assembly seat of Indapur, Pawar reintroduced the old face Harshvardhan Patil, who had lost in the state polls twice before. But NCP MLA Datta Mama Bharne won against him by 19,075 votes.

The NCP contested 59 seats in the recent election and won 41, while the NCP(SP) contested 89 seats but only managed to secure ten.

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray with party leaders Sanjay Raut and Aaditya Thackeray after the results | PTI

This outcome indicates that NCP voters preferred to align with Ajit Pawar for the party's future rather than the 84-year-old Sharad Pawar. The mandate has dimmed the future of his daughter, Supriya Sule, who is also a Lok Sabha MP, especially in her competition against the assertive Ajit Pawar.

Similarly, Uddhav Thackeray who after losing the party and symbol was asking the people to support him against CM Eknath Shinde also was disappointed by the people.

Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena contested 79 seats and won the 57 seats while Thackeray-led Shiv Sena contested the 98 seats and won only 20. So, the strike rate of Shinde is far better than that of Thackeray.

COURSE CORRECTION

The massive win of MahaYuti indicates a tactical course correction after the Lok Sabha debacle, with RSS role in the campaign. Only five months back, BJP's dismal tally of 9 seats dragged down the MahaYuti performance to 17 in Lok Sabha elections, which elects 48 MPs. In contrast, the opposition MVA won 30 seats. BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP went back to the drawing board and initiated corrective measures

FEW TAKERS FOR NOTA

The NOTA option once again found few takers, with 0.75% of the electorate pressing the button in Maharashtra and 1.3% in Jharkhand. According to EC, Maharashtra witnessed 65% turnout in its single-phase polls on Nov 20.

Voters give clear mandate, reject independents and smaller parties

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

SMALLER parties in Maharashtra failed to impress people in the assembly elections, but they played spoilsport for the Maha Vikas Aghadi in closely contested seats. The smaller parties won 11 seats while independents won only two in the multi-corner contests even though they got a total 13.82% vote share.

DECODE POLLS '24 DECIDE

Raj Thackeray-led MNS fielded 145 candidates but not a single candidate of the party won the election. Raj Thackeray's son Amit Thackeray who contested from the Mahim seat also lost against Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate Mahesh Sawant. MNS did not get any seat in the polls.

The Samajwadi Party contested six seats and won two, Abhu Azami in Govandi-Mankhurd and Rais Sheikh from Bhiwandi East.

The Peasant and Workers Party contested six seats, but won only Sangola. Babasaheb Deshmukh defeated Shiv Sena's Shahaji Babu Patil. MIM candidate Mufti Mohammad won in Malegaon Central constituency by 162 votes.

Mahadeo Jankar-led Rashtriya Samaj Party and CPM and Rajshri Shahu Vikas Party, each won one seat. The BSP has not won a single seat with 0.48% vote share. Also, Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi and Vanchit Vikas Aghadi also failed to win any seat. The VBA used to win two-three seats in Vasai-Virar belt, it failed despite its "operation" against BJP's Vinod Tawade.

Setback for Cong as top guns, dynasts lose plot & bite Maha dust

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE results of the Maharashtra assembly elections on Saturday came as a severe jolt to prominent members of the Congress, many of whom come from political dynasties.

Balasaheb Thorat, the Congress legislative leader and a chief ministerial aspirant who had previously won elections eight times, lost to a relatively lesser-known Shiv Sena candidate, Amol Khatal, in his traditional constituency of Sangamner. He lost by 10,560 votes.

Similarly, state party president Nana Patole, another potential candidate for chief minister if the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) formed the government, managed to win by a narrow margin of just 208 votes against BJP's Avinash Brahamankar.

Former Congress CM Prithviraj Chavan faced a very close contest as well. He was up against BJP candidate Dr Atul Bhosale in his home constituency of Karad South and lost by a margin of 39,355 votes.

Besides, Dhiraj Deshmukh, the son of former Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, lost to BJP candidate Ramesh Karad by 6,595 votes in the Latur rural state assembly constituency. This defeat occurred despite his brother, actor Riteish Deshmukh, campaigning for him. However, Dhiraj's brother Amit Deshmukh won by 7,398 votes in Latur, defeating BJP's Dr Archana Chakurkar.

Former minister Yashmati Thakur lost to BJP's Rajesh Wankhede by 7,617 votes in Teosa in Vidarbha. Similarly, party member Ravindra Dhagekar was defeated by BJP's Hemant Rasane in the Kasaba Peth constituency, losing by a margin of 19,423 votes.

Additionally, Bacchu Kadu, the president of Prahar Janshakti Party, lost to BJP candidate Pravin Tayade in Achalpur. In Baramati, Yugendra Pawar, the grand-nephew of Sharad Pawar lost to Ajit Pawar by over a lakh votes.

Among other dynasts, who were unsuccessful in securing a seat, was Congress MLA Kunal Patil, the son of former Home Minister Rohidas Patil.

MISSING THE TARGET

- **Balasaheb Thorat:** The CM aspirant from Congress camp who had won state polls eight times before, lost to Shiv Sena candidate Amol Khatal in Sangamner by 10,560 votes
- **Prithviraj Chavan:** The former Maharashtra Congress CM lost against BJP's Atul Bhosale by 39,355 votes in his home turf Karad South
- **Dhiraj Deshmukh:** Among the two sons of late CM Vilasrao Deshmukh, Dhiraj lost against BJP's Ramesh Karad in Latur seat, while his brother Amit won Latur City against BJP's Archana Chakurkar
- **Yashmati Thakur:** Former Congress minister lost to BJP's Rajesh Wankhede in Teosa

Infiltration pitch falls flat, BJP wins 1 seat in Santhal Pargana

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE BJP amped its Jharkhand poll campaign pitch raising Bangladeshi infiltrations and demographic change in Santhal Pargana, but failed to make inroads into the region.

The party won only one seat out of the 18 in Santhal Pargana. The JMM retained its dominance in the region by winning 11 seats. The Congress won four seats and RJD two, according the results announced by the Election Commission.

Santhal Pargana is considered the key to power in Jharkhand. Out of the 18 seats in the region, seven are reserved for STs, one for SCs, and 10 are general.

In the 2019 assembly polls, the JMM won nine seats, Congress four and the BJP four. Later, Pradeep Yadav, who won Poraiyahat seat on a JVM ticket, joined Congress. In 2014, the JMM bagged 11 seats, Congress four, RJD two and the BJP one.

According to political analyst DP Sharan, the issue of Bangladeshi infiltrations proved to be counterproductive for the BJP and helped the INDIA bloc in uniting the minority votes. "The issue of infiltration not only created hatred among minorities for the BJP, but also polarised them in favour of JMM," Sharan said.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also confused the voters as the issue, relevant for Santhal Pargana only, was raised in the entire state. "Facing people's reaction, BJP suffered a crushing defeat even in the areas where infiltration has taken place. The party lost Rajmahal seat it had won three times and was reduced to only one seat in Santhal Pargana, as against 4 in 2019," said Rahul Gupta, a resident of Santhal Pargana.

"Tribals could not tolerate outsiders making an attack on tribal leader Hemant Soren on the issue of infiltration and change in demography," he said. Except Babulal Marandi, no other tribal leader was seen during the campaign. Marandi was given a free hand, but he contested from a general seat, which gave a wrong message to the voters and tribals could connect themselves with the BJP, analysts said, adding the BJP's 'roti-mati-beti' slogan failed to find a resonance among the voters in Jharkhand.

The JMM played the 'Adivasi' card during the campaign to counter the BJP's plank that harped on 'infiltrators' from Bangladesh to garner voters' support. The party also sought people's sympathy over the arrest of Hemant Soren in an alleged land scam, which paid poll dividends, analysts said.

Mixed bag for kin of 7 former CMs in J'khand

Separate state in 2000

Carved out of Bihar, Jharkhand became a separate state 24 years ago. The state had seven chief ministers, and the credibility of each of them was on the line

Political bigwigs

Hemant Soren and ex-CMs Champai Soren and Babulal Marandi actively contested polls. Relatives of Shibu Soren, Arjun Munda, Raghubar Das, and Madhu Koda also participated.

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE 2024 Assembly elections were significant for Jharkhand, as the reputations of all seven political figures who have served as chief ministers were at stake. Since Jharkhand became a separate state 24 years ago, it has had seven CMs, and the credibility of each of them was on the line.

CM Hemant Soren and former CMs Champai Soren and Babulal Marandi actively contested in the elections. Relatives of ex-CMs Shibu Soren, Arjun Munda, Raghubar Das, and Madhu Koda also participated.

Champai, who became the seventh CM in February, ran for Seraikela but on a BJP ticket and won. Champai's son, Babulal Soren, also contested from Ghatsila on a BJP ticket but lost.

Shibu Soren's son Hemant Soren (JMM) retained Barhait Assembly seat for the third term against his nearest opponent Gamiliyel Hambrom. Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana Soren(JMM) won Gandey Assembly seat by defeating Munia Devi (BJP). Hemant's brother Basant Soren (JMM) also won from Dumka seat.

Former Jama MLA Sita Soren, the elder daughter in-law of Shibu Soren, who quit JMM and contested from Jamtara as a BJP candidate lost.

Meera Munda (BJP), wife of another former Jharkhand CM Arjun Munda, lost from Potka.

Similarly, Geeta Koda (BJP), wife of Madhu Koda, lost from Jagannathpur. Babulal Marandi, however, won from Dhanwar. Daughter in-law of former CM Raghubar Das, Poornima Sahu Das (BJP), also won from Jamshedpur East.

THE SOREN CLAN

THE PATRIARCH: **SHIBU SOREN** (January 11, 1944)

Founder of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and a former Chief Minister. Served as CM in 2005 for 10 days, again in 2008, and from 2009 to 2010. Prominent leader in tribal rights movement and currently leads JMM, a member of the INDIA. bloc.

HEMANT SOREN, CM (Aug 10, 1975): Son of Shibu Soren. Youngest CM of Jharkhand. Became CM in 2013 and is a strong advocate for tribal rights. His govt has implemented key welfare schemes and fought for state's resources. His leadership is shaped by his dedication to social justice

KALPANA SOREN (Hemant's wife): A prominent politician in her own right. Has actively participated in poll rallies alongside husband. Her role in backing her husband has strengthened her position in the state

BASANT SOREN: Hemant's brother, won from Dumka seat by a margin of 14,588 votes, further cementing the family's influence in Jharkhand politics

SITA SOREN: Shibu's daughter-in-law. Rose to prominence after the death of her husband, Durga Soren. Has carried forward legacy in Jama constituency, winning 3 consecutive polls. Sita joined BJP this year

JHARKHAND

1 KALPANA SOREN RETAINS GANDEY SEAT BY 17K MARGIN

JMM legislator and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana won the Gandey seat by a margin of 17,142 votes, defeating BJP's Muniya Devi. Kalpana had won the seat in a bypoll on June 4, after it fell vacant when JMM MLA Sarfaraz Ahmad resigned. She had defeated BJP's Dilip Kumar Verma by 27,149 votes. Kalpana had embarked on her political journey in Giridih district on March 4.

2 CHAMPAI SOREN WINS SERAIKELA ON BJP TICKET

The former CM, who took over the reign of the state after Hemant Soren's arrest, won the Seraikela seat on a BJP ticket by 20,447 votes. It is the only seat reserved for Scheduled Tribes that the BJP won in this assembly election. He had to quit the CM's post after Hemant Soren was released from jail on bail in June, and eventually, he joined the BJP, expressing discontent with the JMM.

3 ALAMGIR'S WIFE SECURES PAKUR WITH 86K VOTES

Nisat Alam, the wife of former Jharkhand minister Alamgir Alam who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case, won the Pakur seat by the highest margin of 86,029 votes. She polled 1,55,827 votes, defeating AJSU Party's Azhar Alam. Several central leaders had targeted Alamgir Alam during their multiple public rallies, urging people to 'throw out corrupt forces like him'.

4 'PAINFUL,' SAYS HIMANTA AFTER J'KHAND MANDATE

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the BJP co-incharge for the assembly elections in Jharkhand, said the party's loss was deeply painful for him. Sarma congratulated the JMM-led alliance for securing an impressive victory. "The loss in Jharkhand is deeply painful for me personally," he said, "However, we must humbly accept the mandate of the people, for that is the true essence of democracy."

5 EAST INDIA STILL BELIEVES IN REGIONAL PARTIES, SAYS BJD

With the JMM-led coalition all set to return to power in Jharkhand, neighbouring Odisha's main opposition party Biju Janata Dal said the poll outcome shows that people of eastern India continue to trust in regional parties. The BJD had ruled Odisha for five consecutive terms from 2000 to 2024. "The victory ... has proved that the people in the eastern states have great trust in regional parties," it said.

51 men are likely to be sentenced in France next week after rape trial

Amid uncertainty, NATO head holds talks with Don

BOTH DISCUSSED GLOBAL SECURITY ISSUES FACING THE ALLIANCE: STATEMENT

BRUSSELS

US President-elect Donald Trump and the head of NATO have met for talks on global security, the military alliance said on Saturday. In a brief statement, NATO said Trump and its secretary general, Mark Rutte, met on Friday in Palm Beach, Florida. "They discussed the range of global security issues facing the Alliance," the statement said without giving details. It appeared to be Rutte's first meeting with Trump since his Nov 5 election.

Rutte had previously congratulated Trump and said "his leadership will again be key to keeping our Alliance strong" and that he looked forward to working with him. Trump has for years expressed skepticism about the Western alliance and complained about the defence spending of many of its member nations, which he regarded as too low. He depicted NATO allies as leeches on the US military and openly questioned the value of the alliance that has defined American foreign policy for decades. He threatened not to defend NATO members that fail to meet defense-spending goals.

Donald Trump and Mark Rutte

Rutte and his team also met Trump's pick as national security adviser, US Rep Michael Waltz, and other members of the president-elect's national security team, the NATO statement said.

On Wednesday, Trump said that he has chosen former acting Attorney General Matt Whitaker to serve as US ambassador to NATO, the bedrock Western alliance that the president-elect has expressed skepticism about for years.

Trump, in a statement, said Whitaker was "a strong warrior and loyal Patriot" who "will ensure the United States' interests are advanced and defended" and "strengthen relationships with our NATO Allies, and stand firm in the face of threats to Peace and Stability." The choice of Whitaker as the nation's representative to the NATO is an unusual one, given his background is in law enforcement and not in foreign policy. *AP*

Lanka a step closer to $333 mn from IMF

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's new NPP government on Saturday got the International Monetary Fund approval for a staff-level agreement to secure the fourth tranche of the nearly $3 billion bailout package.

"Once the review is approved by the IMF management and completed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) executive board, Sri Lanka will have access to about $333 million," a statement issued by the global money lender here at the end of the third review said. "The authorities have committed to stay within the guardrails of the programme," IMF team leader Peter Breuer told reporters at the end of talks with the new government. He said the new government's commitment ensured policy continuity.

IMF team leader Peter Breuer

Altogether, the IMF has extended the island nation an Extended Fund Facility (EFF) $2.9 billion. On Thursday, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, who heads the National People's Power (NPP), affirmed his administration's commitment to continue the IMF bailout programme initiated by the previous government led by Ranil Wickremesinghe Dissanayake, despite his pre-presidential election rhetoric to renegotiate with the global lender to water down tough conditions laid down for the recovery, backed the deal in his inaugural address to the newly convened parliament after his party's landslide victory in the parliamentary polls last week. In the run-up to the September presidential election – at which Wickremesinghe was defeated – Dissanayake was critical of the bailout, especially its rigid reforms, which the party claimed made the then incumbent president unpopular.

Sri Lanka tapped the IMF for a facility at the height of the economic crisis under the presidency of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the president who was made to flee the country by months-long public protests. Mid-April of 2022 Sri Lanka announced its first-ever debt default. The negotiations with the IMF began thereafter and the Wickremesinghe's government clinched the bailout, a year later in March 2023.

On Saturday, the IMF said, "The new government's commitment to the programme's objectives has enhanced confidence and ensures policy continuity."

The IMF stressed that Sri Lanka's reform agenda was delivering results. *PTI/AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client Syed Khurram S/o Syed Hafeez, aged about 45 years, R/at: Flat No.206, ATHENS 3, Prestige Acropolise, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560030, is the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the property bearing **Site No.380** measuring East to West 55 feet, North to South 30 feet, formed Sy.No.77/2 vide conversion order No. BDS.ALN.SB(BH) 134/2012-13 dated:03-06-2013, layout name and called as "RELIABLE GARDENIAA", vide sanctioned plan No:BDA/TPM/PRL/02/2013-14/2262/13-14 dated:07-08-2013 situated at DODDANAGAMANGALA Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore District, he having acquired the said property as per registered release deed No: BGR-1-06048/2015-16 and my client has obtained the Katha from the BDA, the said **original Katha has lost** by my client.

He has lodged a police complaint before online bearing complaint **Lost Report No. 1345570/2024** dated:21-11-2024. If any persons found the document, it is requested to hand over the same to the following address mentioned below.

In the event any person/s have not send the documents, and we have not received any claims or found of original document of the said property and we consider the original document have been lost and title of the said property is clear.

K.R. RAMESHA REDDY, Advocate
K.R.R. ASSOCIATES
No.272-HIG, 2nd 'B' Cross, Suryanagara Phase-I, Chandapura, Bangalore-560099
Mail.id : r.ramesh7504@gmail.com
Phone No : 9743474851, 7019734943
Bengaluru Date : 23-11-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **MUMMANENI SIVA PRAVEEN @ SIVA PRAVEEN MUMMANENI**, S/o Mr. Mummaneni Vinaya Kumar, residing at Flat No.A4183, DLF Westend Heights, Near Ample Super Market, Akshayanagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560068. Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within **07 days** from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.1305/B**, BBMP Khatha No. 11911/1305/B, having E-Aasthi System - Property Record No.1702055, E-PID No.9837109199 in Ward No.24-HBR Layout , layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Situated at H.B.R Layout, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West **12.00 Mtrs** and North to South **9.00 Mtrs,** totally measuring 108.00 Sq.Mtrs and bounded on as follows:

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.1303/C,
North by : Site No.1305/A,
South by : Site No.1305/C.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084.

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BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

SHORT NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Tender Notice No. - PR 408/2024

Bihar School Examination Board invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for **"Supply of Pre-Printed Barcode Label Stickers to be Pasted on Used Answer Booklet for Intermediate & Secondary Examination, 2025 (Annual / Compartmental) and Other Examinationsor as per decision of BSEB."** Detailed tender document containing eligibility criteria, other terms and conditions are available on the website **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in.**

Tender Schedule

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/ Download Date of Tender Documents	From:**25/11/2024 (11:00 Hrs.)** to **09/12/2024 (14:00 Hrs.) (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Pre-Bid Meeting	**30/11/2024 at 11:30 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for Submission/ uploading of Online Bid	**09/12/2024 up to 14:00 Hrs. (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Last Date and Time for Submission of EMD (Only in case of BG) / Samples	**09/12/2024 up to 15:00 Hrs.**
Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	**09/12/2024 at 15:30 Hrs (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced later by competent authority.
Cost of the Tender Document	**₹590/-** (Five Hundred Ninety Rupees only) (Non-Refundable)
Tender Processing Fee	**₹590/-** (Five Hundred Ninety Rupees only) (Non-Refundable)
Earnest Money	**₹50,000/-** (Fifty Thousand Rupees only) (Refundable)

• **Contact Details:** Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer, Mobile No.: **+91 62999 23095,** E-Mail ID: **eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in/ eproc.bseb@gmail.com**

• **Note:** Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ cancel/ reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** for Corrigendum/ Amendments etc., if any, it will be notified on this portal only and no separate advertisement will be made.

Secretary

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
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MID CORPORATE BRANCH - GUNTUR
D.No. 10-1-1, 2nd floor, 1st Line, Sambasivapet, Naaz Centre Guntur-522001. Tel No.0863-2222612 / 2222613
Email: MCB.GUNTUR@indianbank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
(See Rule 8(1) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Where as The Undersigned being the authorised officer of **Indian Bank**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 05/09/2024 calling upon the following borrower **1.M/s Mittapalli Agro Exports ,Registered Office:**5-90-56, 5/3, Chandramouli Nagar, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh -522007 **2. Mr. Mittapalli Ramesh Babu (Managing Partner cum Guarantor cum Mortgagor)** S/o Mittapalli Pandu Ranga Rao ,Door No 4-19-94/1/A, 6 th Lane & 7 th Lane, Vikas Nagar, Guntur,Andhra Pradesh. Pin 522006. **3. Ms. Mittapalli Lakshmi Susmitha (Partner cum Guarantor)** D/o Mittapalli Ramesh Babu Door No 4-19-94/1/A, 6 th Lane & 7 th Lane, Vikas Nagar, Guntur,Andhra Pradesh. Pin 522006. **4. Mr. Potti Ravindra Babu (Guarantor cum Mortgagor)** S/o Parandhameswar Rao **Address A:** 126 Sri Sai Rams Dwarakamal Nilayam, Flat No 103 Mothi Nagar, Balanagar Kv Rangareddy Telangana- 500018 **Address B:** D.No. 13-1-77/3/102, Mothi Nagar,Erragadda, Hyderabad-500018 **Address C:** Flat No. # B-109, Nayan'S Nature Spring'S,R No-12, Paparatudu Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.12,09,09,418/-(Rupees Twelve Crores Nine Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen rupees only)** as on **05.09.2024** together with the future interest till payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Your Loan Account Nos 7611624197, 7114047281, 858065417, with Indian Bank, MCB Guntur Reg.

The first of you is a partnership firm. The 2 nd of you is the managing partner and 3 rd of you is partner now or at all material time. The 2 nd and 4 th of you are the mortgagors having offered their assets as security to loan accounts availed by the first of you. The 2 nd to 4 th of you are guarantors to the loan accounts availed by first of you. At the request of the first of you in the course of banking business, the following facilities were sanctioned and were availed by first of you: -

Facility	A/c No.	Limit (Rs in Cr)	Balance in Rs.as on 05.09.2024
Packing Credit (Running)	858065417	10.50	**Rs.51,15,202/-**
OCC [SL to PC]	7611624197	[10.00]	**Rs.10,29,73,861/-**
FBN/FBP/FBD (Sight/Usance up to 180 days)[SL to PC]	6875694646	[10.50]	**Nil**
Bank Guarantee (Undertaking letter to tobacco board) [SL to PC]	-----	[10.50]	**Nil**
Forward Contract $	-----	15.00	**Nil**
IND-GECLS-COVID 19 - WCTL:	6886760719	1.00	**Nil**
WCDL under IND-GECLS- 1.0 Extn	7114047281	1.51	**Rs.1,28,20,355/-**
Total	-----	13.01	**Rs.12,09,09,418/-**

The above borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantor and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said Rules on this **20th November 2024.**

The borrower and guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank** for an amount of **Rs.12,09,09,418/-(Rupees Twelve Crores Nine Lakhs Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen rupees only)**as on 05/09/2024 together with the future interest and costs thereon. "We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities"

Description of the Immovable Properties:

SCHEDULE: The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are as under: **-Mortgaged Property:**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY No-2
(Covered by.Regd.Sale Deed No. 1446/2007 belonging to Sri M. Ramesh Babu)

Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing CMC Khatha No 1440 (Old Nos. 1014 and 1022) in all measuring 6700 sq. ft. situated at Bilekahalli village Vijaya Bank Employees Co-operative Society Layout, now known as Vijaya Bank Layout, coming under the jurisdiction of Bhruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (earlier under Bommanahalli CMC) and bounded on the: **East** : Private Property,**West** : Site No. 1013, **North** : Road,**South :** Site Nos. 1000A,1001 and 1002

Schedule 'B' Property : Flat No 202, Second Floor, (from basement Third floor) built in Schedule "A" Property having built up area of 1190 sq. ft., including common area, along with 279 sq ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest in the land out of the Schedule "A" Property with accommodation of two bed rooms, Hall, Kitchen and bath with water supply and electricity and sanitary facility and one covered car parking space of the Multistoried residential complex " **Vajram Lotus**" and common right over the opens pace, staircase, passages, lobbies, lifts etc.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY No-3
(Covered by.Regd.Sale Deed No.1750/2008 belonging to Sri M._RameshBabu)

Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing CMC Khatha No 1440 (Old Nos. 1014 and 1022) in all measuring 6700 sq. ft. situated at Bilekahalli village Vijaya Bank Employees Co-operative Society Layout, now known as Vijaya Bank Layout, Bommanahalli Zone, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, coming under the jurisdiction of Bhruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (earlier under Bommanahalli CMC) and bounded on the :**East** : Private Property,**West** :Site No. 1013,**North :** Road,**South** : Site Nos. 1000A,1001 and 1002

Schedule 'B' Property : Flat No 204, Third Floor, (from basement fourth floor) built in Schedule "A" Property having built up area of 1250 sq. ft., including common area, along with 279 sq ft. of undivided share, right, title interest in the land out of the Schedule "A" Property with accommodation of two bed rooms, Hall, Kitchen and bath with water supply and electricity and sanitary facility and one covered car parking space of the Multistoried residential complex " **Vajram Lotus"** and common right over the open space, staircase, passages, lobbies, lifts etc.

PLACE: Bangalore, DATE: 20.11.2024 **Sd/-AUTHORISED OFFICER, INDIAN BANK**

Office of The Superintending Engineer
Central Equipment & Stores Procurement Circle-II, Irrigation & Water Resources Department, U.P.,
Ganga Sinchai Bhawan, Telibagh, Lucknow-226025

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. TE-988 /2024-25

On behalf of the Honorable Governor of Uttar Pradesh Online e-Bids in three parts namely (i) Earnest Money Bid (ii) Technical Bid (iii) Price Bids are invited simultaneously by the undersigned only from ISO; 9001 Certified Original Manufacturers, registered with Director of Industries of the State/N.S.I.C./Ministry of Industries, Government of India as Original Manufacturers of Worm Reducer or their dealers/ distributors authorized by them for this tender, up-to **17.00 Hours on 18.12.2024** Details for eligibility, qualification and method of submission of bids etc. in the bidding document uploaded on the U.P. government e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in.** The undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids/annul the bidding process without assigning any reason. In case of any variation in English and Hindi version of this tender notice, English version shall prevail. The details of different activities of Tender are as follows:-

(a)	Worm Reducer Reduction Ratio-50:1	03 Nos
	Worm Reducer Reduction Ratio-60:1	12 Nos
(b)	Availability of the bidding document on website	27.11.2024 From 10:00 Hours onwards
(c)	Period of Bid submission in PDF/XLS Format along with submission of scan copy of bidding fee, EMD and other supporting documents	From 27.11.2024, 11:30 Hours onwards up to 18.12.2024, 17:00 Hours
(d)	Period of submission of the original documents, as per requirement of the bid such as EMD, tender document fee &other important document in the office	Up to 19.12.2024 at 14:00 Hours
(e)	Online opening date & time of Part "A" i.e. Earnest Money	19.12.2024 at 16:00 Hours
(f)	Online opening date & time of Part "B" i.e. Technical Part	20.12.2024 at 16:00 Hours
(g)	Online financial bids Part "C" opening date & time of technically qualified bids only	24.12.2024 at 14:00 Hours
(h)	Venue of opening of bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Central Equipment & Stores Procurement Circle-II, Ganga Sinchai Bhawan, Telibagh, Lucknow-25(U.P.)
(i)	Cost of bidding document	**Rs.7700.00** (Seven Thousand Seven Hundred only)
(j)	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	**Rs.44,500** (Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred only)
(k)	Delivery Period	**30 Days**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the immovable Property more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its Owner **Smt. SUDHA RANGANATH,** aged about 71 years, Wife of Sri. Ranganatha residing at No.655, Kavery Layout, Dasarahalli, H.A Farm Post, Bangalore.

All persons having any right, title, claim or interest in respect of the Schedule Property by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, gift, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, trust, possession or otherwise of whatsoever nature, are hereby required to make the same known in writing, along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event, no such claim is received, my client shall proceed with the transaction with Owner as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property being residential vacant Site No.VP-1, bearing BDA Khata No. BDA/RO/N/VP-1/18-19, 3rd Block, Arkavathi Layout in Survey No.19/1 of Venkateshapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk in a layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) measuring East to West 09 mts, North to South 06 mts totally ad-measuring 54 Sq.mts and which is bounded as follows:

East by : Road;
West by : Site No.VP-16,
North by: Site No. 646;
South by: Site No. VP-02.

Sd/- **Vaishali Basawanal,** Advocate
VSB Law Associates
312, III Level Prestige Meridian II,
29-30, M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560 001

CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC NOTICES

The General Public is hereby informed that the public notice issued on 5th November 2024 in the Indian Express and Kannada Prabha by Mr. T.K. Gowhar Bassha, Advocate on behalf of his clients namely **(1) Mr. Mohammed Fawaz Shariff (2) Mr. Mohammed Farhan Shariff (3) Mr. Imdad Hussain (4) Mrs. Furhana Begum** Nos 3 and 4 are represented by Mr. Dawood Shariff alias Riyaz **(5) Mr. Burhanuddin Yousuf (6) Mrs. Munira Taher (7) Mr. Mohammed Omar** with respect to purchase of property bearing Old No. 23-A, Present Corporation No.17, PID No. 91-83-17, situated at **Haji Ismail Sait Mosque Road, Frazer Town,** Corporation Ward No. 91,Bangalore measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 46 feet 6 inches totally measuring **4650 square feet** stands withdrawn.

The above persons have decided not to proceed with the purchase of the aforementioned Property due to unavoidable circumstances and the Owners of the same are free to sell the property to any person of their choice.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 24.11.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE SUB COURT TIRUPATTUR, TIRUPATTUR DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU
O.S.No: 65 of 2022

1. Kamala (a) Kamalatchi 2. Muniyammaal ...**Plaintiffs** Vis 1. Vellikannan. 2. Selvam, 3. Elisabeth. 4. Soundar, 5. Karuna, 6. Thandapani, 7. Ponni, 8. Amudha. 9. Elango. 10. Thirupathi, 11. Subramani. 12. Vijaya Kumar, ...**Defendants**

To, D4-Soundar, S/o.Late. Kannan, D5- karuna S/o Late. Kannan, D6- Dhandapani S/o Late. Kannan, D7- Ponni D/o Late. Kannan, D8-Amudha D/o Late.Kannan all are residing at Below address No.454, 3rd Block HBR Layout, Bangalore, Pin- 560043.

Sir,

Please take notice that the above case has been filed by the plaintiff for the relief of Partition & Declaration and Injection against you and other defendants. The above case has been posted on 27.01.2025 for your appearance and you are hereby requested to appear before the Hon'ble court on 27.01.2025 at 10.30am either in person or through an advocate and file your objections. As otherwise the above case will be decided exparte.

M. SIVA, B.A B.L., Advocate,
Ms.No: 2279/2003
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR VELLORE DIST.
No. 103, Railway Station Road,
TIRUPATTUR, Vellore Dt. 635 601

IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYOHALL (CCH.75)
G & WC No. 25007/2024

BETWEEN: Smt. DHANALAKSHMI .K, D/o Late Kaliyappan .P. aged about 68 years, wife of Jayasuryan .N, No.35, 11th Cross, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Near BDA Complex, Bengaluru, As a Guardian of **SRI. JEETHU KUMAR .R,** S/o Late Tilagaveni and Late Rajendra Prasad .P, No.35, 11th Cross, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Near BDA Complex, Bengaluru ...**PETITIONER**

AND: -NIL- ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioner has filed the above petition under Section 8 of the GUARDIAN AND WARDS ACT seeking for grant leave/permission to the Petitioner to appoint on behalf of the minor **Sri. JEETHU KUMAR.R.** S/o Late Tilagaveni and to declare that the petitioner is the GUARDIAN or WARD for the minor child namely **JEETHU KUMAR.R.** S/o Tilagaveni.K. and Late Rajendra Prasad.P. in respect of Death Claim and Benefits of Late Tilagaveni.K. for the entitled amount from the Canara Bank Indiranagar Branch, Bengaluru, in favour of JEETHU KUMAR.R. as a GUARDIAN by allowing this petition to safeguard. It is hereby informed that anybody having any claim for interest in this matter is hereby informed to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-75) on **28/11/2024** at **11:00 A.M.** in person or any Bleader duly instructed failing which matter will be heard and determined without any claim or objection.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 22-11-2024.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru

Sanjeev Rao .S, Advocate

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e-Procurement Tender Notice
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The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
38241009A	Articulated Lock Lift Lever
46245024	Jointless Hand drawn Grooved
38241634A	Cut off Angle Cock with Vent
33241370	Speed Sensor G16 Suitable for
33241013B	Flex Ball Cable Complete
66248239	Procurement of Crotch Tension
66247704	Procurement of Plasser PAC
38245073	Upgraded High Capacity Draft
33241507	Dump Valve With Bracket
29241246B	Set of Kits for E-70 Brake Control
66247660	Procurement of Plasser items
66247833	Procurement of Valves etc
56241244B	Counter Weight for Electric Lifting
30241039	Thermoplastic Polyester
66247331	Procurement of Plasser PAC items
38241146	Bogie Centre Pivot Top
6024PT036	PSC Main Line Sleepers to T-8746
77241024A	Paint Synthetic Enamel Interior
38243586A	Cast Steel Bolster with Liners
38241143	Side Frame Key

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.06.12.2024.SL.No. 02 on dt.09.12.2024. SL.No.03 on dt.10.12.2024. SL.No.04 & 06 on dt.11.12.2024 SL.No.07 to 09 on dt.12.12.2024 SL.No. 10 on. dt.13.12.2024 SL.No.11 to 14 on dt.16.12.2024 SL.No.15 to 17 on dt.17.12.2024.SL.No.18 on dt.19.12.2024. SL.No.19 on dt.23.12.2024.SL.no.20 on dt.30.12.2024

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No.98/2024 dt.08.11.2024 Tender No.80.24.1201.due on 27.11.2024 Brief.Desc; Antiwear Hyd Oil V 68, in Desc : Brand name to be read as Servo System HLP 68 N and Due dt .to be read as 12.12.2024 Instead of exsiting

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above **Rs.50 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)
PUBT163

CE/CII/SC & CE/C-IV/SC, Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 01 **NIT No.:** 38-CAO-C-SC-2024 Date:21/11/2024 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Kazipet - Balharshah Section - Proposed 3rd line with Electrification between Kazipet - Balharshah stations - Maintenance of newly opened 3rd line track from Ch:214653.00m to Ch:233711.00m(19.058Kms) between ASIFABAD ROAD (ASAF) and RECHINI ROAD (RECH) Stations (Including both Yards). **Estimated Cost (₹):** 1,69,93,506.37 **EMD (₹):** 2,35,000.00 **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months **Date of Opening:** 12/12/2024 15:00hrs

S.No.: 02 **NIT No.:** 39-CAO- C-SC-2024 Date: 21/11/2024 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Kazipet - Balharshah Section - Proposed 3rd line with Electrification between Kazipet - Balharshah stations - Maintenance of newly opened 3rd line & Byepass line tracks from Ch:356000.00m to Ch:365000.000m (9.00km+9.0km= 18.00km) between HASANPARTI ROAD (HSP) and KAZIPET (KZJ) Stations (Excluding both Yards). **Estimated Cost (₹):** 1,65,65,775.99 **EMD (₹):** 2,32,800.00 **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months **Date of Opening:** 12/12/2024 15:00hrs

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title relating to all that piece and parcel of vacant land admeasuring 4,400 square feet (rear portion) along with an exclusive passage admeasuring 780 square feet (southern side of the front portion), totally admeasuring 5,180 square feet, bearing corporation No 866, situated at 3rd block, 12 Main, Koramangala, Corporation Ward No 68, Bangalore 560 034, carved out of the larger land totally measuring 9,600 square feet, which is morefully set out in **Schedule** hereto and hereinafter referred to as "**Schedule Property**".

Any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise), banks or financial institutions having any claim/s including any right, title, interest, charge, demand whatsoever in respect of or against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof and/or any of the title deeds, or records, in respect thereof by way of sale, transfer, assignment, allotment, exchange, right, interest, share, license, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, encumbrance, occupation, covenant, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption, inheritance, bequest, succession, will, testamentary instrument, probate, letters of administration, easement, possession, use, occupation, development rights, agreement, litigation, lispendens, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law, partnership or otherwise of whatsoever nature or otherwise howsoever is/are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, together with documentary proof in support thereof to Khaitan & Co. LLP, Advocates, Embassy Quest, 3rd Floor, 45/1, Magrath Road, Bengaluru- 560025 also with a copy addressed over email at bangalore.publicnotice@khaitanco.com (marked to the attention of Ms Rakki K) within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which such right, title, interest, benefit, claim, or demand, if any, will be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE
DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of rear portion in the vacant land measuring 4,400 square feet along with the passage in the southern side of the front portion measuring 780 square feet of the immovable property known as "PRIYANKA", totally admeasuring 5,180 square feet, bearing Corporation No 866, situated at 3rd block, 12 Main, Koramangala, Corporation Ward No 68, Bangalore 560034, carved out of the larger land totally measuring 9,600 square feet, and bounded on:

East By: Front portion of the property No 866 and 12th Main Road;
West By: Property bearing site No 859;
North By: Property bearing site no 865; and
South By: Property bearing site no 867.

Dated this 24th day of November 2024

For **Khaitan & Co. LLP**
Rakki, Partner,
Khaitan & Co LLP, Advocates
Embassy Quest, 3rd Floor, 45/1, Magrath Road, Bengaluru - 560 025
T: +91 80 43397000

S.No.: 03 **NIT No.:** 40-CAO- C-SC-2024 Date: 21/11/2024 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Kazipet - Vijayawada Section - Proposed 3rd line with Electrification between Kazipet - Kondapalli stations - Maintenance of newly opened 3rd line & Byepass line tracks from Ch:369000.00m to Ch:376000.000m (7.00km+7.0km= 14.00km) between KAZIPET (KZJ) and WARANGAL (WL) Stations (Excluding both Yards) **Estimated Cost (₹):** 1,13,13,939.24 **EMD (₹):** 2,06,600.00 **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months **Date of Opening:** 12/12/2024 15:00hrs

S.No.: 04 **NIT No.:** EPC-18-CAO-C-SC-2024 Date: 19/11/2024 **Name of work:** SCR (Construction Organisation) - Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Contract in connection with Doubling of track between Dornakal Junction and Bhadrachalam Road station from Km 14.10 (before Karepalli Crossing Station) to Km 35.420 (beyond Chimalpahad yard) including electrification and Signalling works in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway in the state of Telangana. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 220,09,01,518.16 **EMD (₹):** 1,10,04,500.00 **Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen) Months **Date of Opening:** 17/12/2024 15:00hrs

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in.**

2) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

3) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer, Const., Secunderabad

Tender Notice No.C/SG/C/36/5/398 Dated 22.11.2024
PUBT168

For and on Behalf of President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Projects) S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites E-tenders (Open) for the following work upto 15.00 hrs on 20.12.2024.

S.No.: 01 **Tender No.:** C/SG/C/36/5/398 **Description of work:** Singaling arrangemens in connection with replacement of aged and worn-out outdoor signaling gears at Chittigidda (CTF) & Gullaguda (GGD) stations on SC Division. **Approximate value (₹):** 34916556.46 **Period of completion:** 12 Months

Please visit Indian Government tender Portal Website **www.ireps.gov.in** for all particulars including Full Description of the work, tender conditions, eligibility criteria and details, downloading of tender document of the above works.

A1488 Dy.Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (P), Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

1,400 Japanese companies operating in India is a testimony of the close economic ties between the two countries, said Japan's consul general in Kolkata, Nakagawa Koichi, on Saturday

Exchanges seek information from group companies cited in alleged bribery case in the US

Adani's many legal challenges

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

FOLLOWING a directive from markets watchdog Sebi, the stock exchanges have sought information from Adani group companies cited in an alleged bribery case in the US, and the non-disclosure of the same to investors and exchanges here on time. The direction and the follow-up action by BSE and NSE are part of the "regular surveillance mechanism".

Exchanges have written to the group companies seeking clarifications under listing obligation and disclosure requirements, a person in the know of the development said. They are checking if there were lapses or delays in disclosures on the probe in the US on which group chairman Gautam Adani and nephew Sagar Adani and six others charged on November 20, the person added.

If any lapses or delays are established, exchanges can take action or issue an advisory to the companies and the Sebi can take up the matter for adjudication, the person said, clarifying that exchanges are doing this as part of their regular surveillance mechanism.

Sebi spokespersons and exchanges didn't respond to queries from TNIE. Adani Group chief financial officer Jugeshinder Singh said in a statement that allegations relate to one contract of Adani Green, 10% of overall business of renewable arm of the company.

In a social media post, the group CFO said it has a portfolio of 11 public companies and none are subject to indictment (defendants in any legal proceedings in the recent Department of Justice lawyers filings to a court in NYC) He further said none of the issuers (companies in the group's portfolio or specific issuers that are subsidiaries of the public companies) are accused of any wrongdoing in the said legal filing.

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TOUGH TIMES

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SEBI CAN ALSO TAKE UP THE MATTER FOR ADJUDICATION

The New York federal court prosecutors have alleged that the group gave misstatements and didn't disclose developments around anti-bribery probe to bondholders in the US which began in March 2023 when the company was raising $700 million in debt.

The federal agents had in March 2023 served Gautam Adani's cousin Sagar Adani who heads Adani Green Energy, a search warrant apart from serving him with a grand jury subpoena identifying the offences, individuals, and entities under investigation. They have taken away is laptops mobile phones etc as evidence.

The charges include Adanis making misleading statements to the media, market, Indian stock exchanges, and to financial institutions in their private communications about the US investigation.

SUMMONS TO ADANIS

Meanwhile, US markets regulator Securities and Exchange Commission on Saturday issued summons to Gautam Adani and nephew Sagar to explain their stand on the alleged $265 million bribery to secure solar power contracts in the country. As per reports, summons were sent to Adani's Shantivan Farm residence in Ahmedabad and Sagar's Bodakdev residence in the same city on November 21, a day after the indictment. The SEC seeks their replies within 21 days.

Adani and seven others are indicted by the SEC, justice department and FBI and are charged with serious criminal offences of security and wire fraud. The group has so far issued only a short statement saying the allegations are baseless, and this denied.

A former whole-time member of the Sebi told TNIE that unless the charges are proved, neither Sebi nor exchanges or law enforcement agencies can act. "First they must investigate and prove the charges only after that actions can be taken. The US indictment is only allegations and they must be proven first before Sebi can take any action," he said, adding that Sebi and exchanges must find facts and bring clarity to the issue at the earliest.

"This is a matter of great concern that anyone can cause such a loss of national wealth and damage reputations. It is necessary that Sebi should do a quick investigation and give clarity on the issue."

SETTLEMENT: A FORWARD

Virag Gupta, an advocate with the Supreme Court, said America's two anti-corruption legislation--Foreign Corrupt Practice Act and the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act--make bribery illegal but offer settlement. But in our laws provides for no settlement except that for minor offences there is a provision for compounding of offences.

As per the US law, settlement neither means admission nor rejection of charges and it is not necessary that Adanis have to plead guilty for settling the matter. Matters are settled in the US without prejudice to the right of appeal against the charges by the accused. But paying a big fine for settling criminal trial in the US may be treated as deemed acceptance of bribery crime back home, and may compel state and central authorities and other regulators to lodge formal complaint and conduct the probe, Gupta told this paper. Settlement comes with huge penalties in the US. Some of the biggest settlements with the department of justice and SEC have run into a billion dollars or more.

NEWSCOPE

CINEMA FACES SHRINKING SALES, NEW CHALLENGES

GURBIR SINGH

THERE may be an occasional boost in box office collections for recent releases like 'Singham Again' and 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'. Both made ₹260 crore each for the first 20 days. But the overall picture in recent years and months is the Indian film industry is crawling. There is an obvious crisis of content – again something Bollywood pundits have been wailing about for years. That it has taken two 'follow-on' movies of previous hits to save the day speaks volumes for intellectually bankruptcy.

The figures say it all: Box office collections from January to October this year, dropped 7 percent to ₹8,951 crore compared to ₹9,521 crore for the same 10-month period last year, says a report of Ormax Media. The box office collections for October this year at ₹994 crore was marginally better than for last October's Rs812 crore; but it was Tamil films – 'Amaran' and 'Vettaiyan' – that contributed over 50 percent of the sales.

SLOW GROWTH

Ten years ago, with no Covid-19 to factor in, the story was the same. A KPMG report produced for the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI) annual Jamboree – 'Frames 2015' – said the industry's revenues grew just 0.9 percent from 2013 to 2014.

Theatrical and ancillary revenues for the film industry rose marginally from $2 billion to $2.02 billion (₹13,300 crore) as opposed to the projected $2.21 billion (₹14,500 crore) in the 2014 report. This was mainly due to weak box office returns. The saving grace then was the Christmas 2014 release of "P.K." that grossed more than $100 million worldwide.

Nearly a decade later, Ernst & Young (EY), which produced the entertainment industry report for 'Frames 2024', said theatrical and ancillary revenue for the industry clocked ₹19,700 crore for calendar 2023. For 2014, even after factoring in a stronger rupee, film revenue was around ₹13,300 crore and expected to go up marginally to ₹14,700 crore in 2015. So where is the growth?

Though industry reports by management consultants like KPMG and EY are usually bubbling and optimistic, in this case even they cannot avoid conceding the stagnation gripping the film industry.

The traditional exhibition formats like single screens, and multiplexes are on the decline. For calendar 2023, this is what EY said: Screen count increased 4 percent, but remained at just 9,742, which shows the cinema experience remains a luxury for most Indians. Admissions continued to decline from 944 million to just over 900 million, a fall of 5 percent; less than 100 million people visited a cinema hall in 2023. Broadcast rights remained soft as film channels struggled with ratings and monetization.

SOURAV ROY

Calendar 2024 will probably be worse than the previous year. As already noted, box office collections are down by 7 percent for the first 10 months. Cinema-going is in the cultural blood of Indians. Yet, why is the industry doing so badly?

CULTURAL CHANGE

The two big factors cinema pundits usually cite are: poor and repetitive content, and a changing 'entertainment' culture that is taking eyeballs away from cinema screens. Creative filmmakers lament the drying up of good old storytelling; and its replacement by a scramble to wow audiences with VFX – ear-splitting sound and light effects.

Even pseudo nationalist themes, seen as a window to success, have been flops. The box office tracker, Koimoi.com shows this year's releases, 'The Sabarmati Report' and 'Bastar: The Naxal Story' – modelled on 'The Kashmir Files', both sank like stones. The EY report says there is no mystery about what content works. it is "mass escapism is what works across audience classes," and that "80 percent of production houses … expect to see an increase in formula-based films with more 'masala' content."

So the drying up of theatrical revenues is probably a sign of the changing culture of cinema-watching. The old expensive outing to the multiplex, where a family spent more on popcorn and Coke than on cinema tickets is dying away. They have been replaced by instant entertainment – OTT platforms streaming entertainment on TV, laptop and mobile screens.

The problem is: at this crossroads of change, from traditional exhibition to digital releases, the film producers have not quite got their act together on how to monetize their content.

Over 400 films released on digital platforms in 2023, a growth of 30 percent over 2022, says EY's 2024 report. A BBC analysis said about ₹4,000 crore a year was being pumped into OTT/digital film production, but the returns were a fraction of what was being spent. The EY report corroborated this stating the industry saw "a relatively muted 8 percent increase in digital rights values over 2022."

The subscription model is here to stay as families discover their spend on a single multiplex outing can buy them perhaps a year of Netflix. But the industry is also grappling with leakages – where pirated cinema and series are available online or from the local panwalla at a fraction of the cost of a cinema ticket.

This is not to proclaim the death of traditional cinema. The joy of large screen entertainment in the comfort of hi-tech theatres will always be sought after. The theatre will become smaller. The challenge on how to monetize the digital changeover, bigger.

COUNTER CLAIM

Never signed pact to operate airport in Kenya: Adani

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani's group on Saturday clarified that it had not entered into any binding agreement to operate Kenya's main airport.

On the pact it had signed last month to build and operate key electricity transmission lines in Kenya for 30 years, the group said the project did not fall within the ambit of Sebi's disclosure regulations, thereby not warranting any disclosure on its cancellation.

The group was responding to notices sent by stock exchanges to confirm reports of Kenyan President William Ruto ordering the cancellation of a procurement process that had been expected to award control of the country's main airport after the conglomerate's founder was indicted in the United States.

Adani Enterprises Ltd, the flagship firm of billionaire Gautam Adani's group which houses its airport business, in a filing said it had in August this year incorporated a step-down subsidiary in Kenya to upgrade, modernise, and manage airports.

"While the company was in discussion with the relevant authority for the said project, till date neither the company nor its subsidiaries (i) have been awarded any airport project in Kenya, or (ii) entered into any binding or definitive agreement in connection with any airport in Kenya," the firm said. It didn't confirm or deny reports of Kenya cancelling the airport deal.

Govt collects ₹1.22L crore from excise duty on fuel in H1 FY25

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Central government has collected ₹1.22 lakh crore from excise duties on petroleum products in the first six months of the current financial year, according to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) of the Ministry of Petroleum. This is 48% of the full year collection of ₹2.74 lakh crore in the previous year.

The collection of excise duties on petroleum products have been on a continuous decline since 2020-21, when the central government had collected Rs 3.73 lakh crore from the levy.

The Central government began reducing excise duties on petrol and diesel from November 2021, when it cut the excise duty on petrol by Rs 5 and Rs 10 on diesel. In the second phase in May 2020, the government cut duty on petrol by ₹8 per litre and on diesel by ₹6 per litre. The central government levies excise duty of ₹19.9 a litre on non-branded petrol and ₹21.10 on branded petrol. On high speed diesel, it charges ₹15.8 a litre and ₹18.2 a litre on branded diesel. The state governments further levy local taxes on petrol and diesel.Currently, petrol price is around ₹95 a litre and diesel at ₹88 a litre in Delhi. Before the excise duty cut in November 2021, Petrol price was around ₹102 a litre.

MUTED REVENUE

YEAR	EXCISE COLLECTION FROM FUEL(₹ CR)
2019-20	2,23,057
2020-21	3,72,970
2021-22	3,63,305
2022-23	2,87,575
2023-24	2,73,684
2024-25 (Till Sept)	1,22,507

Meanwhile, the latest report by PPAC shows that crude oil imports increased by 4.2% and 3.5% during October 2024 and April-October 2024-25 respectively as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

However, imports of petroleum products decreased by 2.2% and increased by 7.7% during October 2024 and April-October 2024-25, respectively as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Meanwhile, exports of petroleum products increased by 12.7% and 4.2% during October 2024 and April-October FY 2024-25, respectively as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

EXPRESS READ

Construction cost for housing up 39% in 4 yrs

New Delhi: The average cost of construction for housing projects in big cities has increased by 39% in the last four years to ₹2,780 per sq ft, with building materials and labour becoming expensive, as per Colliers India. Data shows the average construction cost for premium housing projects stood at ₹2,000 per square feet in October 2020. *ENS*

Next India-Asean trade review talks in Feb

New Delhi: The next round of talks for the review meeting of the India-Asean free trade agreement in goods will be held in February next year, an official statement said on Saturday. The fourth round of the negotiations was concluded here this month. "The next meeting of the AITIGA Joint Committee is scheduled in February 2025 in Jakarta, Indonesia," it said. *ENS*

Myntra foray into quick commerce with 'M-Now'

Bengaluru: Flipkart-backed lifestyle e-commerce platform Myntra is piloting a quick delivery service 'M-Now' that guarantees delivery within two hours in select areas of Bengaluru. In 2022, the Bengaluru-based firm launched an express delivery service called M-Express in metro cities, aiming to deliver products within 24-48 hours of order placement. *ENS*

Vicco Laboratories reveals fresh packaging for popular Vicco turmeric skin cream

Vicco Laboratories, iconic name in Ayurvedic world, recently held a grand and vibrant event at Taj City Centre in Kolkata, wherein cricket legend Sourav Ganguly—beloved across India and cherished as much as Vicco itself—revealed the brand's new packaging for popular Vicco turmeric skin cream. The new look aligns with Vicco's latest campaign, "Haldi Hai Toh Healthy Hai," a celebration of timeless beauty benefits of turmeric. Addressing the audience with his characteristic warmth, Ganguly spoke from the heart about his longstanding connection with Vicco and how, like him, it has earned trust and respect of Indian households for generations. "Vicco is more than a brand—it's a part of our lives and represents the best of traditional Indian wellness," he shared. "This packaging is not just a makeover; it's a refreshing tribute to both Vicco's roots and evolving tastes of today's consumers.

KTM launches range of motocycles In India

Pune: KTM, Europe's largest motorcycle maker, announces expansion of its Indian portfolio with launch of 10 internationally acclaimed motorcycles across four segments. This move marks a new chapter in successful partnership between KTM and Bajaj Auto, bringing complete KTM experience to Indian customers.

Bajaj Auto Ltd and Amul unite for a clean fuel rally

Pune: Bajaj Auto, world's most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler company, announced its partnership with Amul, iconic dairy brand. Together, the two iconic, nation-building brands have flagged off Amul Clean Fuel Rally, a remarkable journey powered by Bajaj Auto's flagship commuter bike, the Bajaj Freedom 125.

Business & Beyond

Subhas Balakumar assumes charge as Director (Projects) of Engineers India

New Delhi: Subhas Balakumar has assumed charge as Director (projects) of Engineers India Ltd (EIL) on 14th November, 2024. Balakumar graduated in civil engineering from Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu in 1988. He joined EIL in 1991 at Digboi Refinery Modernization project in Assam. During his illustrious career spanning over 33 years in EIL, he has been associated with implementation of many projects in refineries, petrochemicals, pipelines, power, metallurgy & infrastructure sectors both in India and abroad. He has been instrumental in timely completion of projects both in greenfield and brownfield areas, construction and contract management. Balakumar has steered implementation of projects in niche areas of infrastructure like data centers, R&D complexes, high speed rail etc.

GRSE signs contract with West Bengal government for 13 hybrid ferries

Kolkata: In a display of its capability to build new-age vessels and contribute towards a greener future, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) signed a contract with the Transport department, Government of West Bengal, for the delivery of 13 hybrid ferries on Tuesday, 19th November, 2024. The ferries will be operated on the River Hooghly by the West Bengal Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (WBTIDCL). The contract was signed by Tapas Biswas, Joint Project Director, WBIWTLSDP and Cdr Shantanu Bose, IN(Retd), Director (Shipbuilding), GRSE, in the august presence of Snehasis Chakraborty, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal, Dr Saumitra Mohan, IAS, Special Secretary, Transport Department & Project Director, WBIWTLSDP, among others.

Murray to join Djokovic's coaching team in January

Novak Djokovic announced that his retired long-time rival **Andy Murray** is joining the 24-time Grand Slam-winning player's coaching team, starting at the Australian Open in January. Murray, 37, a three-time Grand Slam champ, said: "I am very excited about this and look forward to being on the same side of the net for a change."

Moneyball in Jeddah: What to expect from the mega auction?

With the 2025 IPL mega auction happening on Sunday and Monday in Saudi Arabia, a look at some key talking points...

Pant to make history?

If there ever was a situation where an Indian could make history by becoming the most-paid IPL star, this could be it with Rishabh Pant leading the way. Apart from Pant, teams might break the bank for Shreyas Iyer, and KL Rahul, the three IPL captains who will go under the hammer.

On lookout for captains

At least four of the ten teams will be searching for a skipper at the auction. Among them, Punjab and Bengaluru could go all out for their preferred candidate with Delhi doing their bit. It all could come down to where the player is from, who the head coach is and what dynamics they share.

Windfall on cards for pacers

As is always the case, it is the fast bowlers who will be in demand. And this time from Mohammed Siraj to Mohammed Shami to Avesh Khan to Prasidh Krishna to Arshdeep Singh to Kagiso Rabada, Jofra Archer and Mitchell Starc, expect everyone to go back with a truckload of money.

Team	Purse (₹in crores)	Overseas players	Total players
CSK	55	1	5
DC	73	1	4
GT	69	1	5
KKR	51	2	6
LSG	69	1	5
MI	45	0	5
PBKS	110.5	0	2
RR	41	1	6
RCB	83	0	3
SRH	45	3	5

Live on Star Sports & JioCinema, 3.30 PM IST

The Saudi factor Saudi Arabia have expressed their interest in investing in the IPL for a while now, but those have remained murmurs. This time, with the auction happening in Jeddah, what follows and happens on the sidelines of the mega auction will be as interesting if not more than what happens at the auction table.

Right to Match rule While teams still have RTM option, the highest bidder will have a chance to raise the bid one more time before the franchise exercise their right again. If the original team is not willing to match the increased bid, the highest bidder can sign for the original price.

What about MI, RR and SRH?

Three teams— Mumbai, Rajasthan, and Hyderabad — will have less than ₹50 crore in the purse having spent a big chunk on retention. They will not just have to be conservative but also astute and calculative with who they want and how much they can spend. It will also be the case for CSK and KKR who have a little over ₹50 crore each to spend.

Perth-certificate: India make opening statement

With record partnership, openers put India in command on day two

GOMESH S @ Chennai

YASHASVI Jaiswal and KL Rahul are walking off the field at The Perth Stadium on Saturday evening. About 50m away stands Virat Kohli, fully padded-up ready to face some throw downs, cheering on with his gloves and bat. Jaiswal notices him, lets out a big smile and salutes at the veteran as an acknowledgement.

If there is ever a moment that encapsulates Day Two of the first Test between India and Australia, this was it. The former captain and one of the greatest batters from the country — who would have never been more happy to remain padded-up and wait for two whole sessions without getting a chance to bat — knew the significance of what Jaiswal and Rahul had done on Saturday. After the opening day where 17 wickets fell, the Indian openers had batted out two sessions without getting out, adding 172 runs and in the process, extending the lead past 200 (218) at stumps.

To understand the significance of Jaiswal and Rahul's partnership, all one has to do is look back. In the last ten years, only one visiting pair has put on a 100-run partnership in Australia. Among Indian openers, the last century stand came from Aakash Chopra and Virender Sehwag 20 years ago. Even if all these records aren't there to be broken, just the fact that India barely had their claws in the lead after dismissing Australia for 104 — Jasprit Bumrak took another fifer — meant they needed Jaiswal and Rahul to spend some time in the middle. And they needed runs too.

Right from the first over, that is exactly what these two did. Unlike the first innings, where the ball was seaming off the surface dramatically, the pitch had settled down. And having seen Mitchell Starc hold one end with confidence, the openers knew what to expect. They kept it tight as much as possible but at the same time nudged and pushed for every single possible. Rahul, who has been the most comfortable batter on the surface, so far continued to do what he did in the first innings. He left everything he could and when he had the width or length to work around, made the most of it. It was Jaiswal who needed some guidance every time he got stuck in the crease, playing with soft hands or going for an expansive shot. Rahul was that guy on the day.

Almost after every play and a miss, the senior batter kept communicating. He would walk down the middle, calm the youngster and then a single would come. Jaiswal, fed off Rahul's concentration, and went into his zone. Unlike this year where the left-hander has been this attacking opener, the youngster went back to basics. To his debut innings where he faced 387 balls for the 171 against West Indies. Now, this didn't mean he went into a shell. After the first hour of the second session, Jaiswal bludgeoned Starc behind square for a four. In the same over, he defended Starc off the backfoot and passed a cheeky comment: "It's coming too slow". This was in reference to Starc's earlier friendly exchange with Harshit Rana. Starc had said, "Harshit, I bowl faster than you. I've got a long memory." Jaiswal, here, unprovoked till that point, was giving it back, making Starc smile. That smile did not last long as Jaiswal got going. Boundaries started flowing at one end while Rahul kept chipping away at another. They kept caution when needed while complimenting each other with perfection.

By the time stumps were drawn, Jaiswal was on 90, Rahul on 62. And India on the driver seat. While Kohli's applause came as the validation for Jaiswal, he and everyone knows, it would not have been possible without Rahul. Come Sunday, India would want them to pick up from where they left and pile on as much as possible.

KL Rahul (C) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (R) stitched an unbeaten 172-run stand | AFP

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings: 150 in 49.4 ovs; **Australia 1st Innings (O/n 67/7):** Carey c Pant b Bumrah 21, Starc c Pant b Rana 26, Lyon c Rahul b Rana 5, Hazlewood not out 7; **Extras:** (LB-1, NB-4) 5; **Total** (All out in 51.2 ovs) **104**; **FoW**: 8-70, 9-79; **Bowling:** Bumrah 18-6-30-5, Siraj 13-7-20-2, Rana 15.2-3-48-3, Reddy 3-0-4-0, Washington 2-1-1-0; **India 2nd Innings:** Jaiswal batting 90, Rahul batting 62, **Extras:** (LB-11 NB-4 W-5) 20; **Total:** (For no loss in 57 ovs) **172**; **Bowling:** Starc 12-2-43-0, Hazlewood 10-5-9-0, Cummins 13-2-44-0, Marsh 6-0-27-0, Lyon 13-3-28-0, Labuschagne 2-0-2-0, Head 1-0-8-0.

2nd Jaiswal and KL Rahul are only the second visiting pair to add more than 100 runs for the first wicket in Australia in the last decade. The other pair is Kraigg Brathwaite and Tagnarine Chanderpaul (116 in Perth, 2022)

20 Saturday was the first time in 20 years an Indian opening pair stitched a 100-run stand in Australia. The last one to do so was Akash Chopra and Virender Sehwag in Sydney 2004 (123).

Gajewski the 2nd with multiple roles

D Liren (2nd L) & D Gukesh (2nd R) during the press conference on Saturday | FIDE

Ding Liren	Name	D Gukesh
32	Age	18
China	Nationality	India
2728	Rating	2783
22	Ranking	5
2	H2H	0

How did both players qualify for the final?

Liren is the reigning world champion

Gukesh won the eight-player Candidates tournament in Canada this year

CLASSICAL MATCHES

2024 Sinquefield Cup Draw (Gukesh had black pieces)

2024 Wijk aan Zee Liren W (Gukesh had white pieces)

2023 Wijk aan Zee Liren W (Gukesh had white pieces)

Challenger & king set for game of thrones

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Singapore

IT was love at first sight." Outside the decked up Capitol Theatre, the venue for the media day and Opening Ceremony ahead of the chess World Championship match between D Gukesh and Ding Liren, Viswanathan Anand was all smiles. He had just cracked this one sentence response when he was asked why he recommended Grzegorz Gajewski to work exclusively with D Gukesh.

Gajewski, the Pole, is the one of the few direct links between Anand, India's only world champion in the Classical format, and Gukesh, the teen who hopes to emulate Anand sometime over the next few weeks.

When the Pole was working with a lot of Indian minds at the Westbridge Anand Chess Academy (WACA), the five-time world champion and the Pole, who was part of Anand's team at the World Championship at Sochi in 2014, exchanged a few words. "It wasn't about convincing (Gajewski)," Anand said. "They tried and it worked."

That's one way of putting it. Over the last two years, since they came together just before the 2023 edition of Wijk aan Zee, this has slowly but surely become a successful association. During the press conference, Gukesh, seated within handshaking distance of Liren, said Gajewski has had a big influence 'on my chess and life'. "We started working together around 2022 December when we were preparing for Wijk aan Zee," Gukesh said. "Had nice experiences together. I really enjoyed working with him. I was a very narrow minded chess player and he opened me. I improved a lot on my openings. Apart from my parents, he's the most important person in my life right now."

It wasn't hyperbole; Gukesh, an introvert, isn't known for hyperbole. Completely by design, Gajewski is also the only known second ahead of the final (both players, as is common, preferred to not reveal the identity of the rest of thei camp).

But how did the 39-year-old Gajewski become such a central figure in the 18-year-old's still nascent career? The Pole picks up the story. "The first time I met him was at the World Rapid Championship in 2019 when he beat me at the age of 13 (smiles)," he said after the press conference. "Obviously, the impression I had then was he was very talented."

But, remember, talent within the context of India's chess factory counts for something but it isn't the entire thing. What Gukesh has in abundance isn't just talent but a willingness to marry talent with non-negotiables like work ethic, hard work and not afraid of challenging the likes of Gajewski. These are traits that made the Pole go exclusive.

"We started working together, online, as part of WACA," he said. "There wasn't just Gukesh but a lot of other kids from India... Nihal (Sarin), Arjun (Erigaisi), (R) Praggnanandhaa... there was just way too much talent in one room. It was difficult to say who was the most talented but they were all very talented."

It kind of helped Gukesh that Gajewski has played multiple roles under the umbrella term of 'coach'. The Pole has spoken to him about a lot of things but he has always had to be conscious about what to say and what to skip. "You have to choose your words carefully," he said. "On the one hand, you are talking to a very young person. On the other hand, you are talking to a very strong player and also a very intelligent person. You can't say what you want to say. We talk about sport, we talk about the mental aspect of chess and also some normal stuff."

While the relationship is that of a teacher and a student, it's more representative of a student who is more than happy to challenge authority. "He has no problems disagreeing, not just with me but in general. Whenever he believes in not right, he says and we discuss. He puts it in a nice way but he says."

At a time when Gajewski had the option of working with lots of uber-talented Indian kids, why did he eschew that option to go exclusive? "It's a dream for every coach to this one kid who has a dream of becoming world champion," he said. "He made this decision of (fighting for the World Championship) a long time ago and is eager to do what it takes to fulfill it."

THE beginning of the city-state's wet season couldn't have been more pronounced. Flash floods occurred in two places on Friday according to the national water agency. The country's northern part received approximately 50% of the month's average rainfall in a little fewer than two hours. "This amount corresponds to 51 per cent of Singapore's average monthly rainfall in November, and lies within the top 1 per cent of maximum daily rainfall records since 1978," said PUB, the water agency, on its Facebook.

All this rain would have been music to the ears of Ding Liren, the reigning world chess champion. In multiple interviews, the Chinese has spoken about the effect of rain on his psyche. He likes to stare out of the window, especially when it rains. He also likes the sound it makes as it falls down.On Saturday, though, the rain clouds stayed away as both Liren and the youngest Candidate in history — D Gukesh — faced the press for the last time before the first game on Monday. The way both of them spoke was as different as chalk and cheese. While the 18-year-old relished the spotlight, Liren was subdued, more reserved.

The 32-year-old, featuring in his second Championship match, said "he was at peace" with himself. As has been the case over the last few months, Liren spoke questions about the over-the-board difficulties he has faced in the run-up to the event (he has not won any Classical games since the beginning of February and has spoken about his mental health). Considering that, it wasn't a surprise that he has looked within for some inspiration.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Tallon Griekspoor of Netherlands (R) celebrates after winning his match | AFP

Netherlands reach first Davis Cup final

AGENCIES @ Malaga

NETHERLANDS reached the Davis Cup final for the first time with a battling 2-0 win over Germany on Friday, with captain Paul Haarhuis labelling the feat "unique". Tallon Griekspoor ground down Jan-Lennard Struff 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4 in the second singles rubber to eliminate the three-time winners in the semifinals. Botic van de Zandschulp beat Daniel Altmaier 6-4, 6-7 (12), 6-3 to set Netherlands on their way. The Dutch knocked out Rafael Nadal's Spain in the last eight on Tuesday on the way to their first final in 104 years. "What we're doing is more unique than, let's say, Italy, with the No 1 player (Sinner) in the team," said Haarhuis.

China Masters: Sat-Chi go down fighting in semis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

INDIAN doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were involved in an engrossing contest and they were stretched to their limits on Saturday. Despite conceding the first game, they refused to yield and displayed plenty of grit to force a third game. However, they eventually ran out of steam as they went down against the South Korean combination of Jin Yong and Seo Seung Jae in the semifinals of the ongoing China Masters — a BWF Super 750 tournament.

The gruelling see-saw affair that brought the best out of both the pairs lasted 74 minutes. The Koreans, who are playing together in only their second tournament, won 21-18, 14-21, 21-16. The Indians had a four-point lead in the opening essay but lost their way towards the end. Despite successfully employing their attacking game on many occasions, they were also guilty of errors and looked rather sluggish at times. Coach Manu Attri was quick to point that out after the first-game loss. "Until you don't show energy, you won't get the points," Manu could be heard handing out that message.

It seemed like they got the message clearly as they displayed more energy in the second game before going on to level the tie with relative ease.

However, in the decider, the Koreans upped their game while the Indians struggled to maintain the pace. Nevertheless, the Indians continued to dig deep and stay on the heels of the Koreans, hitting some good winners and showing some solid defence in the process. However, the Koreans maintained their calm and eventually sealed the deal.

Jin and Seo will go on to face Indonesian pair of Sabar Karyaman Gutama and Moh Reza Pahlevi Isfahani in the final on Sunday.

Happy returns for Arsenal & Chelsea

AGENCIES @ London

BUKAYO Saka, Thomas Partey and young talent Ethan Nwaneri were on the scoresheet as Arsenal recorded a handsome 3-0 win over Nottingham Forest in the Premier League on Saturday. The win gives Arsenal a much-needed boost and keeps them within distance of title rivals Man City and Liverpool. Earlier, Chelsea survived a late Leicester rally to win 2-1 on Enzo Maresca's return to the King Power Stadium.

The visitors hogged the ball from the kick-off and Nicolas Jackson gave them a deserved early lead. Fifteen minutes from time, Enzo Fernandez scored to make it 2-0. Jordan Ayew pulled a goal back for the home side.

Enzo Fernandez celebrates after scoring Chelsea's second goal | AFP

Results: Fulham **1-4** Wolves; Bournemouth **1-2** Brighton; Aston Villa **2-2** C Palace; Arsenal **3-0** Nottm Forest; Everton **0-0** Brentford; Leicester City **1-2** Chelsea.

Getafe end winless run

MADRID: Getafe scored twice in three minutes midway through the second half to beat Real Valladolid 2-0 and record their second win in La Liga. The victory ended Getafe's five-game winless run.

PSG beat Toulouse 3-0

PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain retained a six-point lead at the top of Ligue 1 after a 3-0 home win over Toulouse on Friday.

Milestone man Kane

MUNICH: Harry Kane is the quickest player to score 50 goals in the Bundesliga after scoring a hat trick on his 43rd appearance on Friday. Kane's three goals gave Bayern a 3-0 win over Augsburg, stretching the Bavarian powerhouse's lead to eight points ahead of the rest of the 11th round.

ISL: Three-star Bagan go top

ENS/AGENCIES @ Kolkata

MOHUN Bagan Super Giant outplayed Jamshedpur FC 3-0 at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, and went to the top of the points table in the Indian Super League (ISL) on Saturday. Goals from Tom Aldred, Liston Colaco, and Jamie Maclaren saw the Mariners secure their fourth win in their last five matches.

Earlier in the day, NorthEast United FC recorded a 2-1 victory against Punjab FC in New Delhi. Guillermo Fernandez (15') and Nestor Albiach (18') scored for the Highlanders before Dinesh Singh was shown red at the stroke of half-time. Ivan Novoselec scored a late consolation goal for Punjab.

EXPRESS READ

Tilak makes record-setting hundred; Shreyas smashes ton

MUMBAI: Tilak Varma became the first batter ever to notch three successive hundreds in T20s, while Shreyas Iyer underlined his credentials with a smooth century in the first round of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Saturday. Tilak, who made two hundreds recently against South Africa, added one more three-figure knock against Meghalaya.

Gulveer Singh betters own NR in 10,000m in Japan event

NEW DELHI: Asian Games bronze medallist Gulveer Singh on Saturday bettered his own national record in 10,000m race while winning gold in the 2024 Hachioji Long Distance meet in Japan. The 26-year-old Singh clocked 27 minute 14.88 seconds to win the race at Hachioji. His earlier national record in the event was 27:41.81s.

Mercedes' Russell on pole position at Las Vegas GP

LAS VEGAS: George Russell of Mercedes took pole position for the Las Vegas Grand Prix on Friday while Max Verstappen was fifth as the Dutchman closes in on a fourth successive world championship. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was second ahead of Pierre Gasly of Alpine with Red Bull's Verstappen finishing one spot ahead of title rival Lando Norris of McLaren.

FIIs remained net sellers in the capital markets on Friday, as they offloaded shares worth ₹1,278.37 crore

Exchange data

CAPITAL FLIGHT

WHY FOREIGN INVESTORS ARE EXITING INDIA

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FOREIGN Institutional Investors (FIIs) are offloading their holdings in India at a scale not seen in years. Regarded as one of the key drivers of the locally listed equities, relentless selling by these investors has raised concerns about the health of the local market and the broader economy. After selling equity worth ₹1.14 lakh crore through exchanges in October, FIIs have sold another ₹42,000 crores of equity so far in November. Before October, the peak selling by FIIs was seen in March 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic spooked the global equity market. They sold ₹65,816 crore worth of equity back then. According to market experts, many factors are driving this trend. They, however, are confident that FIIs will return to India, given the nation's long-term growth story remains intact.

Global factors at play

Shivani Nyati, head of wealth at Swastika Investmart, explains that there has been a shift of funds from India to China. The combination of perceived safety and growth opportunities in the US market, along with rising US bond yields and a strengthening dollar index, has influenced investor decisions, she notes.

A recent ICICI Direct report also states that one of the main reasons for the FII exit is the potential for higher returns from the Chinese market. FIIs seem to prefer moving to China as it is trading at less than half of India's valuations. In other words, these foreign investors find investing in Chinese equity markets is less expensive than pumping in money into Indian bourses. In September, the world's second-largest economy introduced a series of stimulus measures to boost its economy. Consequently, China saw FII inflows of $96 billion in September and the Chinese market benchmark surged more than 20% between September 18 and October 8.

The uncertainty created around the US presidential elections and the outcome also played a major role in the FII exodus. "We believe Trump's plans for lower corporate taxes, higher import tariffs, and deportation of illegal immigrants will result in growth of the US economy, higher inflation, higher interest rates, and a stronger US dollar. This might tempt FIIs to take at least some portion of their money to the US," say analysts at JM Financial. Higher interest rates in developed markets make them more attractive for investments, reducing the appeal of riskier emerging markets like India. US Treasury yields, in particular, have surged, drawing capital away from equities worldwide.

Manish Bhandari, CEO and portfolio manager of Vallum Capital Advisors, says that as the chances of Donald Trump winning the election became clearer, his promise to reduce capital gains taxes, incentivise manufacturing activity with tax holidays, and slapping tariffs on countries that are sending goods to the US (like China) gained prominence. "The implication of all these measures is, immediate strength in the US dollar vs the other emerging market currencies. It means depreciation of the rupee. There is a flight of capital to the US markets in anticipation of a manufacturing boom in the US markets," Bhandari adds.

Expensive valuation, poor earnings

Market experts also weighed down on the premium valuation of the Indian market as it leaves little room for investors to make money. The Indian market median price-to-earnings (PE) ratio (starting in 2007) is 21.9. Before the recent fall, the Nifty50 PE was over 24, which makes the Indian market over-valued compared to other emerging economies. As global markets offer more attractive valuations, FIIs are shifting their focus to other markets, stated ICICI Direct.

Further, a weaker-than-expected Q2 FY25 earnings season raised concerns about the growth prospects of Indian companies. India companies saw net profit growth of 3.6% during the September quarter, which was the slowest growth in 17 quarters, driven by sluggish revenue growth and rising interest and depreciation costs.

According to Motilal Oswal Private Wealth (MOPW), earnings growth is expected to moderate to 12-14% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over FY24-26 with some interim but short-lived slowdown as currently witnessed in 2QFY25. MOPW states that most of the emerging markets have experienced FII outflows during October, for India, these outflows were exacerbated by the ongoing result season that failed to justify valuations. The other major factors are the ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and the war between Russia and Ukraine. A pick-up in retail inflation in September also hampered sentiments as it can reduce consumer spending and impact corporate profits.

Why FIIs are important

FIIs play an important role in emerging markets such as India. They bring in substantial capital flows, driving liquidity, sentiment, and price discovery. When FIIs buy heavily, Indian markets typically rally. Conversely, heavy selling can drag down indices and trigger bearish sentiment. Even though the share of foreign investors in NSE-listed companies dropped to 15.98% in October, the lowest in 12 years, they still have a significant influence over the market. The sustained FII selling played a major role in pushing down India's benchmark indices -- the Sensex and Nifty 50 - by 11-12% in less than two months, wiping out gains made earlier in the year. Midcap and small-cap stocks, often more vulnerable to FII flows, have faced steeper declines.

Further, the FII outflows have contributed to the weakening of the Indian rupee against the US dollar, putting additional pressure on import-heavy industries and increasing inflationary risks. The rupee slipped to another low of 84.50 against the US dollar in trade this Friday. "Geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine have resurfaced, adding to global risk aversion... This has further fueled FII outflows, continuing the trend of capital flight from Indian markets," says Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst, Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities. Additionally, retail investors, who have been actively participating in the market over the past few years, have been hit hard by the FII selling. Many are grappling with portfolio losses, and sentiment has taken a hit. The sharp corrections have also impacted mutual funds, especially those heavily exposed to FII-favoured stocks.

Will FIIs come back?

The Street is broadly divided on whether FIIs will start buying in the Indian market in the short term. However, they believe they will return over the medium to long term. JM Financial believes that this is the time to re-evaluate investment opportunities in India as valuations correct and analyst estimates become more realistic, as India is still the best long-term structural growth story.

Rakesh Vyas, co-chief investment officer and portfolio manager at Quest Investment Advisors, says that with the US Federal Reserve likely to pause its rate cuts, and with expectations of a sharp rebound in Indian corporate earnings growth for FY26, along with more attractive valuations for Indian stocks, FIIs are expected to begin reallocating incremental investments into Indian equities from early CY25. This is driven by the expectation that India's GDP and corporate earnings growth will be among the highest in emerging markets.

"Before the start of FII selling, DIIs (domestic institutional investors) held cash reserves exceeding ₹1.8 lakh crore. Over the past two months, the sustained high levels of SIP (systematic investment plan) flows and the cash reserves have helped DIIs absorb much of the ongoing FII selling," Vyas adds. Bhandari of Vallum Capital Advisors says that reversal back to India will only come when the US dollar weakens. According to V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services, three factors have led to the massive selling by FIIs — 'Sell India, Buy China', the concerns surrounding FY25 earnings, and the 'Trump trade'. These three factors appear to be on their last leg since valuations have reached high levels in the US.

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
e-Auction on 27.12.2024
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLES PROPERTY

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE Property (Excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **27.12.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 1,02,80,952/-** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two only) as on 22.11.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 22.11.2024 with incidental expenses + costs Chargest etc., due to the secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower : **Sri. Prasanna Maruthi Yadav Agavinti** S/o. Shri Rangaswamy Agavinti. (For A/c. Nos. 36682235826, 36716394698).

The reserve price, earnest money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under :-

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date & Time of e-Auction of Property	Last Date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 63,91,000/-	Rs. 6,39,100/-	Rs. 50,000/-	27.12.2024, 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.	on or before 27.12.2024 up to 09.30 a.m.

Tender No : SBI/SARB/2024-25/48, Property ID : SBIN200015921468

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule 'A' Property : (Entire Property of "Nandi Shelters) : All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Survey No. 53/2, (duly converted for non-agriculturea residential purpose, as per Official memorandum bearing No. ALN/(S.U)SR.84/2012-13, dated : 03/11/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli, Ward No. 184, assigned New BBMP Khatha No. 44/Sy. No. 53/2, measuring an extent of 0-31 (Thirty One) Guntas and **bounded on the : East by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/3 and 53/4, **West by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/1 and Road, **North by :** Land in Sy. No. 55, **South by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/4.

Schedule 'B' Property : (Mortgaged Property Now Being Sold) : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 012 in Ground Floor, (3 BHK), measuring 1580 square feet of super built up area put up in property forming part of Apartment building known as "Nandi Shelters", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, together with 462 Sq. feet of undivinded share, title, interest and ownership and sital area comprising of the flat consisting of Three bed Rooms, hall, Dining, Kitchen, Utility, bath room and toilets, consisting of flush doors and MS Windows, having vitrified flooring and one car parking marked as at the stilt / basement Floor in the Schedule 'A' Property. The said Flat is standing in the name Sri Prasanna Maruthi Yadav Agavinti, S/o. Shri Rangaswamy Agavinti, vide Sale deed date 14.03.2017 and registered as Document No. BSK-1-12281/2016-17 and CD No. BSKD394 dated 14.03.2017 at Sr. SRO, Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bengaluru.

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Tender No: SBI/SARB/2024-25/49 Property ID : SBIN200017607335

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule 'A' Property : (Entire Property of "Nandi Shelters) : All that piece and parcel of Converted Land bearing Survey No. 53/2, (duly converted fro non-agriculturea residential purpose, as per Official memorandum bearing No. ALN/(S.U)SR.84/2012-13, dated : 03/11/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli, Ward No. 184, assigned New BBMP Khatha No. 44/Sy. No. 53/2, measuring an extent of 0-31 (Thirty One) Guntas and **bounded on the : East by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/3 and 53/4, **West by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/1 and Road, **North by :** Land in Sy. No. 55, **South by :** Land in Sy. No. 53/4.

Schedule 'B' Property : (Mortgaged Property Now Being Sold) : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.202 in Second Floor, (3 BHK), measuring 1540 square feet of super built up area put up in property forming part of Apartment building known as "Nandi Shelters", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, together with 451 Sq. feet of undivinded share, title, interest and ownership and sital area comprising of the flat consisting of Three bed Rooms, hall, Dining, Kitchen, Utility, bath room and toilets, consisting of flush doors and MS Windows, having vitrified flooring and One Car parking marked as at the stilt / basement Floor in the Schedule 'A' Property. The said Flat is standing in the name Sri Ramalingaiah S/o. Late Shri Chamaiah, vide Sale deed date 16.03.2017 and registered as Document No. BSK-1-12395/2016-17 and CD No. BSKD395 dated 16.03.2017 at Sr. SRO, Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bengaluru.

Statutory 30 Days Sale Notice (1st Auction Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002. : The Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the Sarfaesi Act, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., **1) http://www.ebkray.in, 2) www.sbi.co.in.**

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent **M/s. Goodwill Recovery and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru - Cell Nos. 8762662278 / 9740367868.**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 22.11.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date, Time & EMD amount are mentioned below.

Sl. No	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of Immovable Property With Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**Mrs. Pavithra E (Borrower)** Vasanth Nilaya, No. 69 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 1st Stage, Domlur Layout Bangalore 560071 **Mrs. Pavithra E** D/o Eshwarappa, #553, Krishnamurthy Nilayam, Vijinapura Main Road, Opp Shukra Tailors, Rammurthy Nagar, Bangalore south, Koramangala, Bangalore- 560034 **Mrs. Pavithra E** **Havas Media Pvt. Ltd.** 24, Surya Chambers, 6Th Floor, Old Airport Road, Murugeshpalya, Bengaluru 560017	All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No BE-104, in the apartment known "Garden Residency" as totally measuring a super built up area of 1089 Sq.ft together with corresponding 400 Sq.ft Undivided share situated in the Ground floor in 'E' Block along with one covered car parking space in the basement/Surface/stilt floor (Which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas) as per plan of apartment constructed over the residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.no 108/3 (previously portion of Sy.no 108/2, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District), bearing RDPR No- 150200103200820885, Property No-522/108/3 situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat, Anekal Block, Bangalore District (Land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.11.1992 vide no B/DIS/ALN/AR/SR(A)/103/1988-89, issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district) **Flat is bounded: East:** Residential apartment privately numbered as E-103 in ground floor of 'E' block **West by:** Lift area **North by:** Common Corridor **South by:** Area open to sky of the apartment building **Land is bounded: East by :** Land in Sy No 108/2 **West by :** Road Carved out of Kharab Land **North by :** Road,Carved out of Kharab Land **South by:** Tank Bed	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840575110000376, 840560210000124 for recovery of Rs.74,95,503.21** (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Three Paisa Two One) (contractual dues up to the date of notice) with further interest thereon @ 9.00% p.a compounded with monthly rests from 22-08-2024 with costs and other charges	26-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.54,40,000/- **EMD :** Rs.5,44,000/-	Physical	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529
2.	**Mrs. Lekhana B (Borrower)** No.24 Flat No-F4, MM Aura Oyester Apartment, 2nd Main Road, Chinanna Layout, Bangalore- 560032 **Mrs. Lekhana B,** No 22, 2nd Cross 5th Main, Abrijth Nilaya, Kanaka Nagar, Bhuwaneshwarinagar, Near Govt College, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032 **Mrs. Lekhana B** **Randstad India Pvt Ltd.** Group-C, #69, 5th Main, 1st Stage, Hutting Colony, Domlur Layout, Bangalore- 560071 **Mr. Dhanush Ram K (Co-Borrower)** No.24 Flat No-F4, MM Aura Oyester Apartment, 2nd Main Road, Chinanna Layout, Bangalore- 560032 **Mr. Dhanush Ram K ,** No 22, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Abrijth Nilaya, Kanaka Nagar, Bhuwaneshwarinagar, Near Govt College, RT Nagar, Bangalore-560032 **Mr. Dhanush Ram K** **Amazon Development Centre (I) Pvt. Ltd.,** 10th Floor, WTC, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, Bangalore- 560029	All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No BF-303, in the apartment known "Garden Residency" as totally measuring a super built up area of 1089 Sq.ft together with corresponding 400 Sq.ft Undivided share situated in the Second floor in 'F' Tower, 'B' - Block along with one covered car parking space in the basement/Surface/stilt floor (Which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas) as per plan of apartment constructed over the residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.no 108/3 (previously portion of Sy.no 108/2, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District), bearing RDPR No- 150200103 200820885, Property No-522/108/3 situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat, Anekal Block, Bangalore District (Land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.11.1992 vide no B/DIS/ALN/AR/SR(A)/ 103/1988-89, issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district) **Flat is bounded: East by :** Area open to sky of the apartment. **West by:** Residential apartment privately numbered as F-304 in the second floor of "F" Tower, B- Block. **North by:** Common corridor. **South by:** Area open to sky of the apartment Building **Land is bounded: East by :** Land in Sy No 108/2 **West by :** Road Carved out of Kharab Land **North by :** Road Carved out of Kharab Land **South by:** Tank Bed	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840575110000380 for recovery Rs.72,65,643.69** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three Paisa Six Nine) (contractual dues upto the date of notice) with further interest thereon @ 9.00%p.a compounded with monthly rests and further interest, costs expenses thereon from 22-08-2024 with costs and other charges	26-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.54,40,000/- **EMD :** Rs.5,44,000/-	Physical	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529
3.	**Mr. Vishwanath Mayya K C (Borrower)** #663, KG Gopal Reddy Building, GS Palya, Near Anugraha hospital, Konappananagrahara Bangalore South, Bangalore-560100 **Mr. Vishwanath Mayya K C,** #13, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, T C Palya Main Road, Rama Murthy Nagar, J B Mansion, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore- 560016 **Mr. Vishwanath Mayya K C** **Zensar Technologies Limited** Adarsh Palm Retreat, Bellandur Bengaluru-560103 **Mr. Vishwanath Mayya K C** **EPAM Systems India Pvt Ltd.** Global Technology Park, Block C, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bangalore- 560103	All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing no: BE-404, in the apartment known as "GARDEN RESIDENCY" as totally measuring a super built up area of 1089 Sq. ft together with corresponding 400 sq.ft undivided share situated in the Third Floor in 'E' Tower, B-Block along with one covered car parking space in the basement/Surface/stilt floor (Which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas) as per plan of apartment constructed over the residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.no 108/3 (previously portion of Sy.no 108/2, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District), bearing RDPR No- 150200103200820885, Property No-522/108/3 situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat, Anekal Block, Bangalore District (Land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.11.1992 vide no B/DIS/ALN/AR/SR(A)/103/ 1988-89, issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district). **Flat is bounded: East by:** Residential apartment privately numbered as BE-403 in ground floor of 'E' Tower **West by:** Lift Area **North by:** Common Corridor **South by:** Area open to sky of the apartment building **Land is bounded: East by :** Land in Sy No 108/2 **West by :** Road Carved out of Kharab Land **North by :** Road,Carved out of Kharab Land **South by:** Tank Bed	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840575110000378 for recovery Rs.71,86,531.07** (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Eight Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One Paisa Zero Seven) (contractual dues upto the date of notice) with further interest thereon @ 8.90%p.a compounded with monthly rests and costs expenses thereon from 22-08-2024	26-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.54,40,000/- **EMD :** Rs.5,44,000/-	Physical	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529
4.	**Mr.Muddasar Ahmed (Borrower)** No.62/1,2nd Floor, 4th main Gangappa Block, Ganganagar Bangalore-560032 **Mr.Muddasar Ahmed** # 4,5,6 Altruist Technologies, GP Palya, Hosur Main Road Behind RNS Motors, Opposite to Narayana Tecno School Bangalore- 560068 **Mr.Muddasar Ahmed** Flat No BG-105, Ground floor F block B Tower – Garden Residency Apartment, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli Hennagara Village panchayat, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru- 560099	All that piece and parcel of the flat bearing No BF-105, in the apartment known "Garden Residency" as totally measuring a super built up area of 1089 Sq.ft together with corresponding 400 Sq.ft Undivided share situated in the Ground floor in F Tower, B Block along with one covered car parking space in the basement/Surface/stilt floor (Which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in common areas) as per plan of apartment constructed over the residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy.no 108/3 (previously portion of Sy.no 108/2, Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District), bearing RDPR No- 150200103200820885, Property No-522/108/3 situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat, Anekal Block, Bangalore District (Land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.11.1992 vide no B/DIS/ALN/AR/SR(A)/103/1988-89, issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district) **Flat is bounded: East by :** Lift Area. **West by :** Residential apartment privately numbered as BF-106 in the ground floor on F Tower. **North by :** Common corridor. **South by :** Area open to the sky of the apartment Building. **Land is bounded: East by :** Land in Sy No 108/2 **West by :** Road, Carved out of Kharab Land **North by:** Road,Carved out of Kharab Land **South by:** Tank Bed	**Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** **A/C No: 840575110000379 for recovery of Rs.57,25,689.00** (Rupees Fifty-Seven Lakhs Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine) along with further interest @8.90% p.a, compounded with monthly rests thereon from 09-11-2023 with costs and other charges	09-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	**Reserve price:** Rs.54,40,000/- **EMD :** Rs.5,44,000/-	Physical	10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact : Mr. Amit Kumar +91 98504 77529

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.ebkray.in For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.ebkray.in or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders. The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. Date & Time of E-auction: **26-12-2024 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19-11-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer